

**“State of the Research”: School Closings
A Mid-Atlantic Regional Symposium**

June 19, 2015

8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Silverstein Forum, Stiteler Hall, Univ. of Pennsylvania

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Agenda

8:30 am Breakfast and Registration

9:00 am Welcome and Overview of the Day

Elaine Simon, Urban Studies Program, University of Pennsylvania

Rand Quinn, Graduate School of Education, University of Pennsylvania

9:20 am Roundtable 1: Rationales and Responses

Fractured Justice and School Closure – Jacob Fay, Harvard University

Understanding School Closures in Philadelphia – James Jack, School District of Philadelphia (formerly Research for Action) and John Sludden, Research for Action

No One Ever Asks Us: Community Led Visions for School Success – Liza Pappas and Zakiyah Ansari, Alliance for Quality Education

Branding Against Closure: Philadelphia Neighborhood Schools and the Management of Risky Futures – Julia McWilliams, University of Pennsylvania

10:35 am Break

10:45 am Roundtable 2: Community Engagement + Neighborhood Consequences

An Open and Shut Case: Comparing Outcomes of Community Engagement in D.C.'s School Closures – Esa Syeed, New York University

Shifting Landscapes of Power and Privilege: Public School Closures and Uneven Development in Philadelphia – Ariel H. Bierbaum, University of California-Berkeley

School's Out: The Closing of Baltimore's Schools – Jessica Shiller, Towson University

Neighborhoods, Philadelphia School Closures, and the Contested Politics of Place – Ryan M. Good, Rutgers University

12:00 pm Lunch and Networking

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- 1:15 pm** **Roundtable 3: Student and Stakeholder Impacts**
The Impact of School Instability on Students' Academic Resilience – Dena Phillips Swanson, University of Rochester and Latoya Manon, University of Rochester
School Closure: A Thin Conceptualization of Equity – Anne Galletta, Cleveland State University and Stacey Steggert, Shaker Heights High School
The Consequences of Public School Closure for Political Attitudes and Action: Lessons from Chicago and Philadelphia – Sally Nuamah, Northwestern University
- 2:30 pm** **Snack Break**
- 2:40 pm** **Roundtable 4: Ensuring Research is Useful: A Conversation with Researchers and Practitioners**
Moderated by Edwin Mayorga, Swarthmore College
Jessica Shiller, Towson University
Tieshka Smith, Philadelphia School Closing Photo Collective
Dale Mezzacappa, The Philadelphia Notebook
Liza Pappas
Zakiyah Ansari, Alliance for Quality Education
- 3:10 pm** **Break-Out Sessions: What have we learned, how can we connect?**
- 4:00 pm** **Large Group Discussion: Making Sense of the Day and Next Steps**
Facilitated by Lauren Wells, City of Newark
- 5:00 pm** **Reception**

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