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## Message from the Division Chair

**Heather MacIndoe,**  
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Greetings to members and friends of the Community Research and Development Division of SSSP!

I'd like to take a brief moment to introduce myself. As an Assistant Professor at UMass Boston, my research focuses on the varied roles that nonprofit organizations perform in urban areas. As service providers, advocates, and sites of civic engagement, these organizations are vital to cities and their residents.

I'm excited to be serving as CRD Division Chair and look forward to reconnecting and meeting more Division members at the upcoming 2010 SSSP conference in Atlanta.



This newsletter has several announcements, including a note on our annual Graduate Student Paper Competition. Please encourage your students to participate and to become involved in the Division!

Finally, the new "Spotlight on Research" section features community research in Atlanta, GA. If you have research you would like featured in a future newsletter, please email me:

[Heather.MacIndoe@umb.edu](mailto:Heather.MacIndoe@umb.edu)

Enjoy the newsletter!

## 2010 Graduate Student Paper Competition

Community Research and Development Division - **Deadline: 5/1/10**

Please encourage your graduate students to submit their work! Paper topics can focus on various aspects of the community including its capacity (i.e., social capital), development, renewal, and its relationship with other social issues or problems. Qualitative and quantitative empirical analyses and theoretical papers are welcome. To be eligible for submission, a paper must not be published or accepted for publication. Papers must be student-authored; they may be authored by a single student or co-authored by more than one student, but may not be co-authored by a faculty member or other non-student. Papers must not exceed 30 pages including all notes, references, and tables. To be considered for the award, the author must make a commitment to present the paper at a Community Research and Development Division session during the 2010 SSSP meeting.

Send two copies of the paper with a cover letter to:

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A brief letter from each author's advisor should be included certifying the person's status as a student and include some comments about the research. The winner will receive a \$300 cash award at the SSSP 2009 Annual Meeting August 13-15, 2010, registration for the meetings, a ticket to the Awards Banquet, and the opportunity to present her/his paper at the SSSP meetings in Atlanta, Georgia.

Committee Members: Kimberly Kennard, Modesto Junior College (chair) and Andrea Leverentz, University of Massachusetts Boston.











