



# **Approaches to Community Engagement: Loyola University Chicago Graduate School**

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# Summary of Presentation

- Background on the scholarship of engagement
- LUC Graduate School mission and core values
- Highlight LUC Graduate School initiatives focused on community engagement
- Ongoing challenges in promoting and institutionalizing the scholarship of engagement



# Growing Momentum in the Scholarship of (Community) Engagement

- Boyer, 1996: Scholarship of Engagement/Scholarship Reconsidered
- National Review Board for the Scholarship of Engagement
- AASCU: Stepping forward as Stewards of Place
- Committee on Institutional Cooperation's Committee on Engagement.
- Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching's Community Engagement Classification.
- Stephen Percy, Nancy Zimpher et al. *Creating a New Kind of University: Institutionalizing Community-University Engagement.*



# Defining community engagement

..... “collaboration between higher education institutions and their larger communities (local, regional/state, national, global) for the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources in a context of partnership and reciprocity”

*Source: Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching*



# Loyola University and Graduate School Mission and Core Values

- .....Expanding knowledge in the service of humanity
- Community engagement, social justice and values based leadership
- An overarching theme in the graduate school's assessment of learning outcomes.
  - “apply principles of social justice to the larger community.”



# Loyola, Chicago and the Community of Rogers Park

**Main Campus/Lakeshore**



**Water Tower Campus**



**Medical Campus/Maywood**



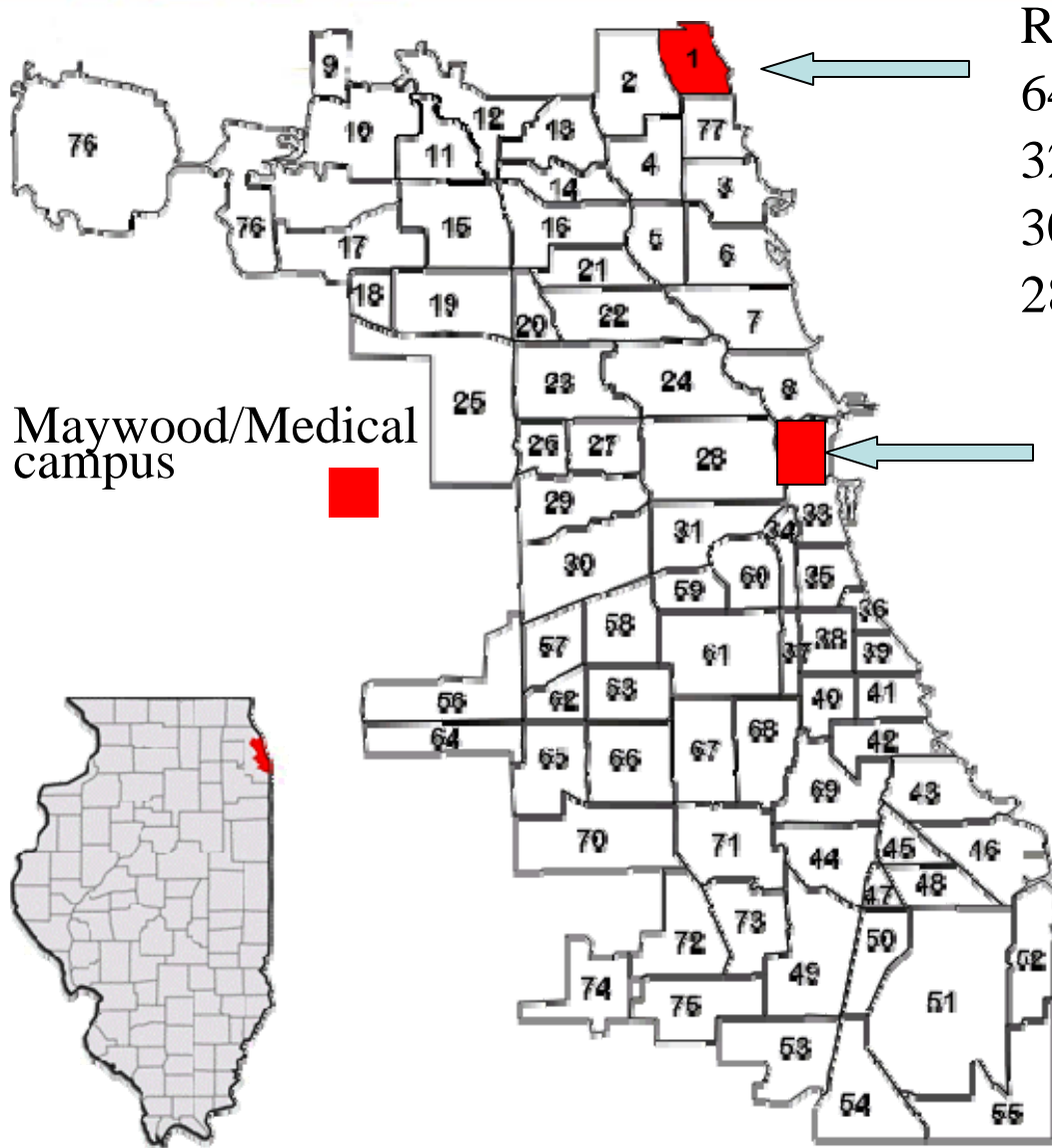
- 1,900 Graduate Students across 3 campuses
- 26 PhD programs, 44 master's programs
- 600 graduate faculty



# Loyola, Chicago and the Community of Rogers Park



# Map of Chicago's Community Areas



Rogers Park  
64,000 people  
32% White  
30% Black  
28% Hispanic

The Loop/downtown  
WTC campus

*Lake  
Michigan*





# Graduate School Initiatives aimed at fostering Community Engagement

- Developing fellowship programs to promote and support community engagement
  - Community Stewards Fellowship Program



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- Targeting foundations that support community service.
  - Arthur J. Schmitt Dissertation Fellowships: Endowment and Grant.
  - Albert Schweitzer Fellowships



# Graduate School Initiatives aimed at fostering Community Engagement

- Collaborating with University Centers/Units to connect students with communities and community-based organizations.
  - [Center for Urban Research and Learning](#)
  - [Center for Urban Environmental Research and Policy](#)
  - [Center for the Human Rights of Children](#)



# Graduate School Initiatives aimed at fostering Community Engagement

- Other Collaborations:
  - English Department's Community Literacy Program.
  - Center for Experiential Learning:
    - Graduate Student Service Forum
    - Community-based Federal Work Study Program.



# Graduate School Initiatives aimed at fostering Community Engagement

- Partnership with Advancement Office to secure funding for community-based initiatives:
  - Preparing phonathon scripts for annual gift fund
  - Establishing targeted endowments.



# Ongoing Challenges in Promoting and Institutionalizing Community Engagement

- Institutionalizing reward and incentive structures, including revising promotion and tenure policies
- Complexities involved in developing community/academic partnerships
- The “Hierarchical Dilemma”
  - Valuing discovery over other forms of scholarly activity
  - Valuing federal funding over other forms of funding
  - Valuing top tier journals over applied journals

