Request for Proposals and Travel Awards, (Due Feb. 1, 2020)
Successful applicant teams will be invited and funded to present their work on
Community-Based Research in Environmental Justice
at Jesuit Universities Workshop
Loyola University Chicago’s 6th Annual Climate Change Conference
Thursday, March 12, 2020

Fr. Michael J. Garanzini, S.J., Secretary of the Higher Education Secretariat of the Society of Jesus is encouraging faculty researchers within the International Association of Jesuit Universities (IAJU), to direct their research toward communities at the margins. This type of Community-Based Research (CBR), maximizes the benefit that our vast university network’s intellectual and research resources can have on affecting positive change for those living at the margins. To promote CBR among our Jesuit universities, the IAJU Task Force on Environmental & Economic Justice in collaboration with Loyola University Chicago’s Institute of Environmental Sustainability and Santa Clara University's Environmental Justice Program, seeks Community-Based Research teams from Jesuit Universities to present their work as a case study at the Loyola University Chicago annual Climate Change Conference on March 12-13, 2020. This Request for Proposals seeks Jesuit University faculty conducting CBR related to environmental degradation and injustice with poor and marginalized communities. CBR research typically involves relationship and trust-building between university research teams and community members, employs participatory research methods that identify social and environmental injustices, and leads to solutions with the community.

Three proposals will be accepted and travel of key researchers and community partners funded to present as CBR Case Studies at the conference. The case study presentations will be panel-style and 30 minutes. A presentation on best practices in Community-Based Research given by expert CBR researchers from Santa Clara University will anchor the workshop. We will consider the possibility of publishing an edited volume or popular piece as an outcome of the workshop.

Applications are limited to two pages and should include the following components:

Context
- geographic location and history of the community within which the researchers are working
- the environmental and social justice problem(s) being addressed

Participants
- the members of the research team, their areas of expertise, and their university affiliation
- the key partners from community organizations that contribute to the project
- number of months/years the project has been conducted and funding the project has obtained

Results
- practical solutions-based results that have addressed injustices and aided communities
- any scholarly output in the form of publications, presentations, blogs or other
- a critical reflection of lessons learned from the CBR process
Selected CBR teams will travel to Chicago, IL U.S.A. to present at the Climate Change Conference workshop on CBR (all day Thursday March 12, 2020), and attend the conference (keynote address the evening of Thursday March 12, and conference panels and poster session all day March 13, 2020). The level of funding will be based on need and availability of resources. Inquiries and applications should be sent to the Institute of Environmental Sustainability at ies@luc.edu by February 1, 2020. The committee will review applications and return a decision within one week.

The Workshop Planning Committee: Michael J. Garanzini, S.J., Ph.D., Secretary of the International Association of Jesuit Universities; Nancy C. Tuchman, Ph.D., Dean Institute of Environmental Sustainability, Loyola University Chicago; Michael Schuck, Ph.D., Loyola University Chicago; John Braverman, S.J., Ph.D., St. Joseph’s University; Christopher Bacon, Ph.D., Santa Clara University; Chad Raphael, Ph.D., Santa Clara University and Iris Stewart-Frey, Ph.D., Santa Clara University.