

Center for Urban and Global Studies Trinity College

Center for Urban and Global Studies (<http://www.trincoll.edu/UrbanGlobal/CUGS/>) is an umbrella organization that plays the central role in driving and facilitating Trinity's strategic initiative for advancing teaching, research, and service in Urban and Global studies across the campus, in the city of Hartford, and around the world. Launched in October 2007 with a \$3 million grant from the Andrew Mellon Foundation and the generous support by donors to the Trinity College Mellon Challenge for Urban and Global Studies, the Center integrates urban and global studies and programs in a way that marks Trinity's distinctive identity as a leading urban liberal arts college with a global footprint. The Center comprises the following offices, programs, and functions that operate cooperatively to provide a myriad of academic and experiential opportunities for students and faculty to work together to better understand and navigate our increasingly urbanized and globalized world:

The Cities Program: An innovative, non-major program open to about 20 talented and motivated first-year students that examines cities--past, present, and future--in all their extraordinary variety and complexity.

Community Learning Initiative (CLI): A rich experiential learning program that consists of a variety of academic courses in which faculty members work in partnership with a person or group from the local community to involve students in an experience they could not get in the classroom alone.

Faculty Research and Development: The Center facilitates faculty research and development by hosting lectures and reading groups, organizing workshops and symposia, publishing books and working papers, and helping secure outside grants.

Postdoctoral Fellow in Urban Studies: Trinity College's Center for Urban and Global Studies (CUGS) is one of the recipients to benefit from an endowment meant to advance the urban educational mission at Trinity College. The endowed funds will support a postdoctoral fellow in Urban Studies whose courses will be integral to the growing Urban Studies program/major and the Cities Program for first-year students.

Scholar Rescue Program: With joint support from the Scholar Rescue Fund at the Institute of International Education and the Scott M. Johnson '97 Memorial Endowment at Trinity, the Center hosts one Rescue Scholar every year who is suffering severe and targeted threats to his/her lives and/or careers because of his/her academic work in his/her home country. The Center has hosted scholars from Zimbabwe, Iran, Uzbekistan, and Belarus.

Student Research and Engagement: The Center administers several small endowment funds to support innovative student research and engagement projects locally and globally.

Trinfo.Café: A neighborhood technology center where Trinity faculty and students, Hartford neighborhood residents, community organizations, churches, and merchants can work together on technology-related issues and make better use of information technology.

Urban Studies Major: Launched in Fall 2013 and serving as the main curricular wing of the Center for Urban and Global Studies, the mission of the Urban Studies program is to help students build an interdisciplinary understanding of how urban dynamics shape both global interdependence and local spaces through a rigorous four-year program of classroom learning, field research, study away, and other forms of urban engagement in Hartford and beyond

Urban Studies Minor: An interdisciplinary minor launched in Fall 2010 that helps students develop a grasp of how critical urban centers and regions are to the organization of economic, social, and cultural activities at the global, national, and local scales.