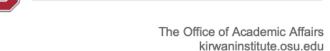


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Mission, Goals, & Initiatives for IMORPC 1Voice Speaker Series

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Opening Remarks

About the Kirwan Institute



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- Established in May 2003
- Primary Goal
 - Educating the public
 - Building capacity of allied social justice organizations
 - Investing in efforts that support equity and inclusion
 - Accomplished primarily through research and public policy, secondarily through engagement and communication
- Mission: To create a just and inclusive society where all people and communities have opportunity to succeed.
- Focus is on race and ethnicity because this area has been the most challenging in establishing equity for all.

Current Initiatives



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- Monograph about the state of race in the State of Ohio
 - Compilation of information across various sources and spheres of functions based on race/ethnicity in Ohio
 - Economics, Education, Health, Housing/neighborhoods, Legal, Political, Transportation, social & psychological well-being
- Prior papers were produced by Kirwan on the state of Black Ohioans: 2008 & 2010
- Four Primary Research Initiatives:
 - Educational equity and disparities
 - Health equity and disparities—a number of partnerships with the Ohio Health Department
 - Neighborhood and wealth inequality
 - Public Policy: including civic engagement, diversity training, & big data bias

Combatting Racism



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- Life-long process
 - Increasing heterogeneity of society
 - US the grand experiment
- Informative research—guided by what is inequitable & what might work to reduce such inequity
- Partnership with public entities: national, state, and local agencies
 - no one entity can do this work alone

Kirwan and MORPC



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- Potential to partner on a number of initiatives based on MORPC's 5 goals for 21-22
- Regionalism: We believe it is important to be engaged with the community that we live and work in.
- Transportation: Equity in transportation is important across races and regions—rural to urban
- Sustainability: Growing concern
 - We have 2 projects in this area right now:
 - Micro farming—producing partnerships between urban and rural areas to close the racial and economic divide
 - Sustainability and Race

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- Potential to partner on a number of initiatives based on MORPC's 5 goals for 21-22
- Data & Digital Infrastructure: Maintaining equity across communities is vital.
 - Pandemic has laid bare various areas of inequities.
- Racial & Social Justice: This area is at the heart of Kirwan's work and it permeates the other 4 goals of MORPC



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Thank you for the invitation to speak.

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