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# SOCIAL CAPITAL AND COMMUNITY: HOW NEW TECHNOLOGY PROVIDES INSIGHT INTO THE LIVES OF URBAN-DWELLING OLDER ADULTS

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## Overview

- What is place?
  - What might it mean to take a place-informed approach to research in aging, health and the population sciences?
- Why is place important?
- How do demographic characteristics shape interactions in place?
- How might place affect well-being?



## Overview

Whether older adults reside in their long-term communities or move to other locations, the characteristics of the places within which they experience the aging process likely have profound consequences for their abilities to adapt to changes such as bereavement, retirement, the development of chronic health conditions or functional impairments, as well as to recover from illness and maintain independent community residence Future Directions (Cagney & York Cornwell, 2018)



f∞ the Demography



## Why is Age Important?

- Demography
  - Aging population
  - Policy, health consequences
- Inequality
  - Long arm of childhood (Hayward & Gorman, 2004)
  - Narrative of the life course
    - Timing and sequencing of live events
    - Accumulation of exposures
    - Manifestation of disparate experience



## What is Place?

- A physical space
  - Municipal (e.g., city, county, state)
  - Categorical (e.g., urban, suburban, rural)
  - Residential
- A social space
  - Public/private
  - Indoor/outdoor
  - Institutional context
- Nested and overlapping environments



## Why is Place Important?

- Resource allocation
  - Health services
  - Social safety net
- Resource availability
  - Formal
  - Informal
- Opportunity structure
  - Employment
  - Social engagement
- Sense of belonging/connectedness
- Exposure space



## Place & Aging

- Individual level
  - Aging in place
  - Embeddedness
- Contextual level
  - Age structure
  - Built and social environment
  - Segregation by place (e.g., race, class, age)



## Social Capital & Community

- Social capital refers to features networks, norms, and social trust – that facilitate coordination/cooperation for mutual benefit
- Refers to stock of "civic virtues" and networks of civic engagement, involvement, reciprocity, trust, volunteerism, and sharing essential to democratic communities
  - Social capital as a structural property of relationships strong ties shape social norms, expectations, informal social control (Coleman)
    - Illustrates importance of social capital by linking it to development of human capital

Chicago as a case



### Sampson, Great American City

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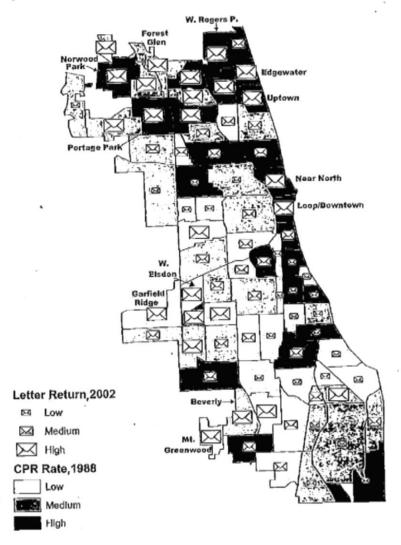
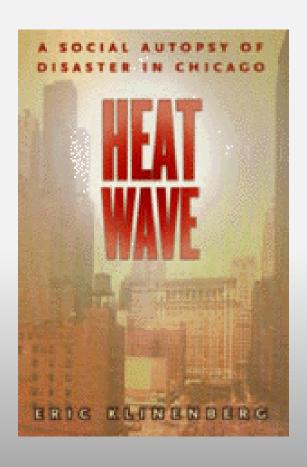


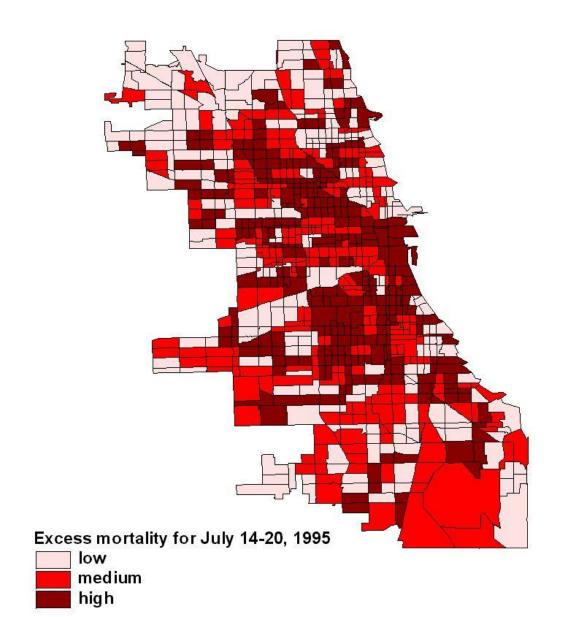
FIGURE 9.1. It matters where you have a heart attack or lose something: spatial inequality in CPR after a cardiac arrest and returning lost letters

### The Chicago Heat Wave



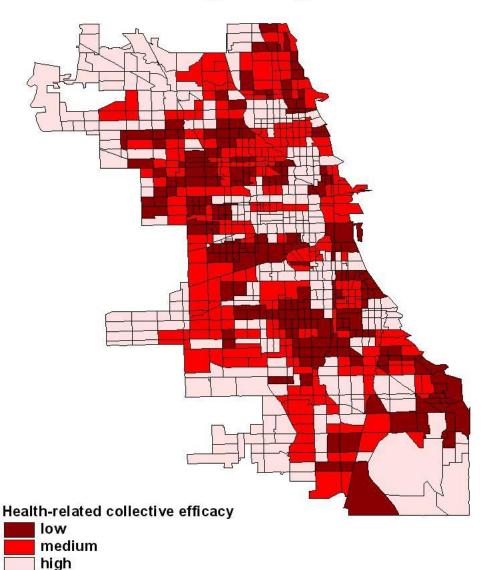
- Klinenberg's (2002) ethnographic account
- Approx 739 heat-related deaths in Chicago in July 1995 heat wave mostly elders (73%)
- July average death count/day: 72
- Saturday, July 15 death count: 365

### Excess Mortality for Chicago Neighborhoods: July 14-20, 1995



Correlation between healthrelated collective efficacy and 1995 excess death: -.24\*\*\*

## Health-related Collective Efficacy for Chicago Neighborhoods



<sup>\*</sup> p < .05 \*\* p < .01 \*\*\* p < .001

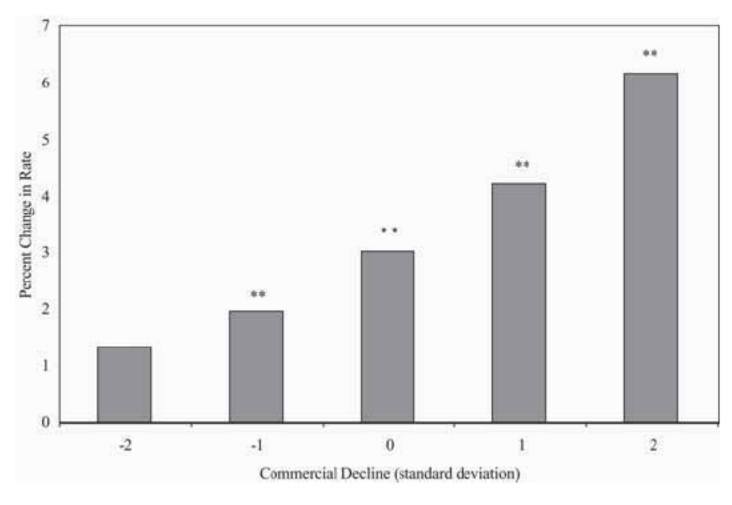


Figure 1. Adjusted Proportionate Change in Mortality Rate for July 14–20, 1995 by Level of Commercial Decline

# Relevant Disciplines to Inform Study of Place

- Psychology place attachment (Lawton, Berman)
- Economics evolution of the city (Glaeser)
- Anthropology experience of aging in place (Penny)
- Architecture social architecture (Boyd)
- Urban planning age-accommodating urban places (Burkart et al.)
- Geography "spatial" gerontology (Andrews)
- Sociology place and social cohesion (Longino, Sampson)



### Ex: A Sociological Approach to Understanding the Impact of Place

- People in and across place, in real time
- Limitations in characterization of space
  - Circumference of turf
  - Micro-environment
- Can new methods provide insight into what place is, how it is perceived, how it matters for health and, potentially, how it might be modified for an aging population?



### **Beyond the Residential Neighborhood**

- Current approaches may not effectively assess exposure, access to resources
- Residential neighborhood a small part of daily experience?
  - Arbitrary census-based units may obscure more complicated geographic exposures
  - Where/how people spend time may prove more valuable for health, well-being, access to care

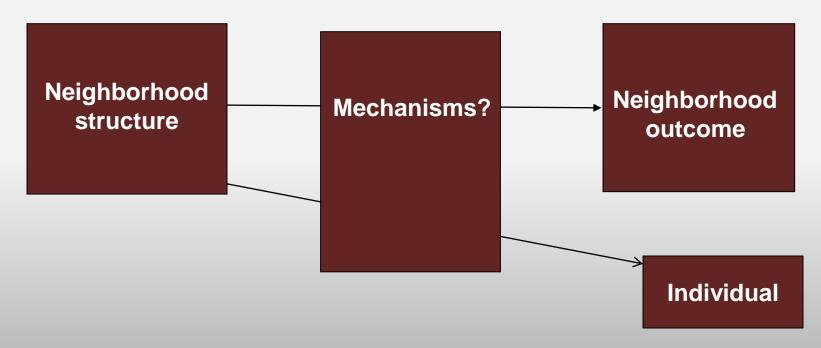


# Research on "Neighborhoods Effects" and Health

- Theoretical approaches largely neglect actual spatial exposure patterns beyond residential address
- Integrate
  - Social disorganization theory
  - Social ecological approach (Jane Jacobs)
- Incorporate conceptualization of individual level exposures ("activity space")
- Emphasize age and aging
  - Circumference of turf may shrink but little know about these patterns
  - Neighborhoods—and networks within—may be more consequential



# Neighborhood Research: *Theory*



Theory: What processes link e.g., poverty to outcomes? Kasarda (social networks); Sampson (collective efficacy); Skogan (disorder); Wilson (institutions); Anderson (culture); Entwisle (population processes)



## **Neighborhood Research: Unit of Analysis** Neighborhood Neighborhood Mechanisms? structure outcome Individual outcome

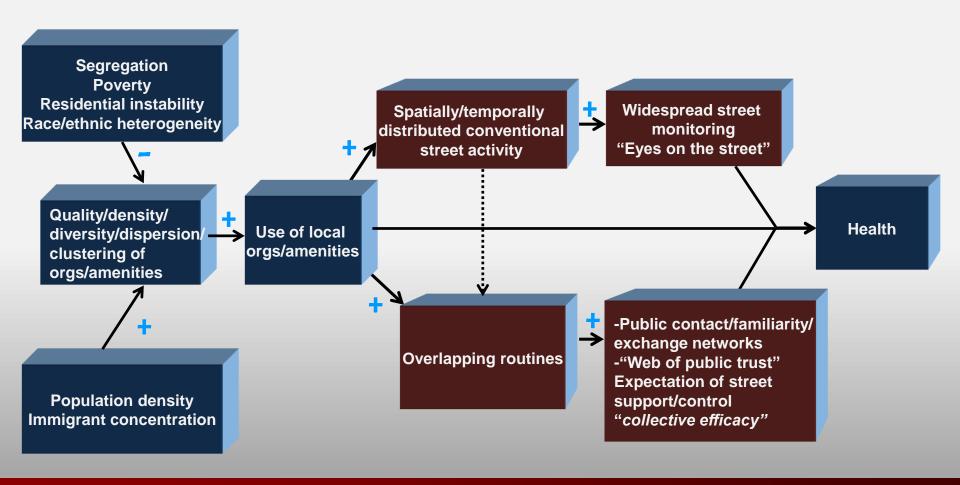
Neighborhood unit: What boundary is most appropriate? Assumption of independence (residents may be exposed to other nearby units)







# Neighborhood Influences on Health





# The Structure of Sociospatial Exposure

Activity space:

The set of places individuals come into contact with as a result of their routine activities





# Activity Space, Social Interaction and Health Trajectories in Later Life

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Project Period: 09/01/2016 - 05/30/2021

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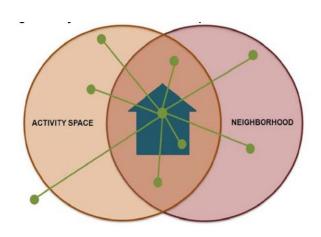
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#### In-Person Questionnaire

#### **Neighborhood Context**

Neighborhood social ties and interaction

Perceptions of neighborhood physical/social environment

Norms and collective efficacy

Transportation access

#### **Household Context**

Household roster

Perceptions of household physical and social

environment

Household order/disorder

#### Social Context

Social network roster

Social support

Social involvement and activities

#### **Physical Health**

Self-rated health and Morbidity

Functional health and disablement (including mobility and assistive devices)

Health-related behaviors

Health care utilization

Well-being: Depression (CES-D), Loneliness. Anxiety

Transit: Driving ability and transportation practices

Sociodemographic Characteristics: Age, Gender,

Race/Ethnicity, Foreign-born status, Education, Income



Biomeasures (In Home)

Social Environment Questions (In Home) Questions (In Home)

Health

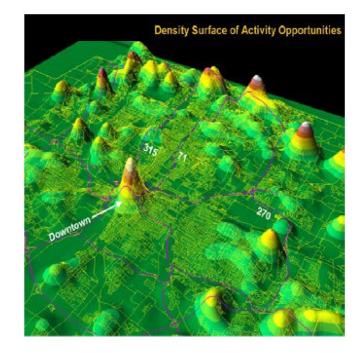
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Wave 2: Follow-Up (All In-Home)

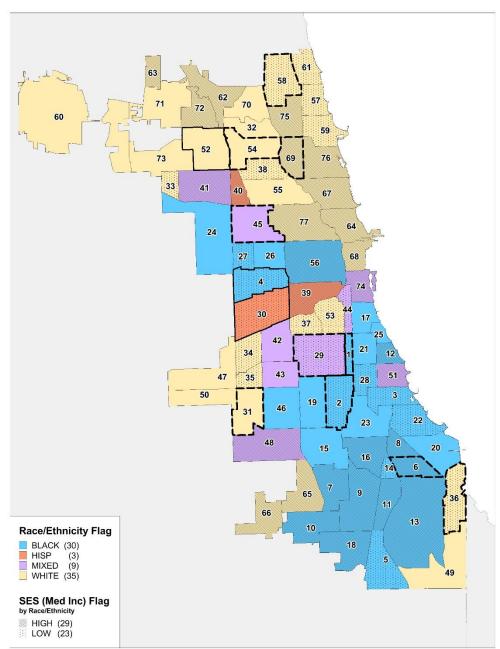
Wave 3: Follow-Up (All In-Home)

### ECOLOGICAL MOMENTARY ASSESSMENT (EMA 1-5) 7-day Real-Time Data Capture of Variation (△)

e.g., △ Pain ← e.g., △ Positive Affect ← e.g., △ Social Engagement ← e.g., Activity Space (Geographic Location)



### **Chicago Neighborhoods Selected for CHART**



KEY: 1 = FULLER PARK; 2 = ENGLEWOOD; 6 = CALUMET HEIGHTS; 29 = NEW CITY; 36 = EAST SIDE; 39 = LOWER WEST SIDE; 45 = HUMBOLDT PARK; 54 = IRVING PARK; 58 = WEST RIDGE; 69 = NORTH CENTER

### **Older Adult Focus Groups**

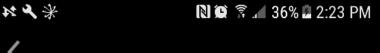
• Respondent: One of the funniest things is that I was at church when it pinged but I had accidentally left it at home. So, I got home and it had rung and I thought, "I was not home, I was at church," and I had been at home a lot when it rang. So, I got back in my car and I drove back to church.

What language would you like to complete this survey in?

¿En qué idioma le gustaría completar esta encuesta?

Select one.

- English
- Español

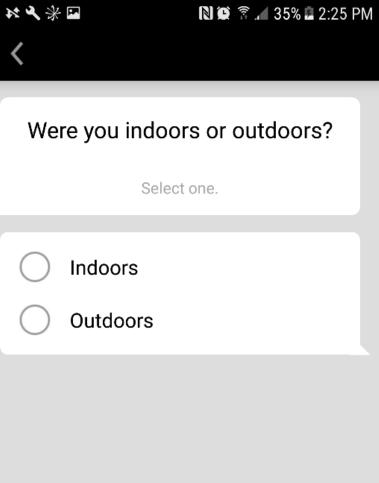


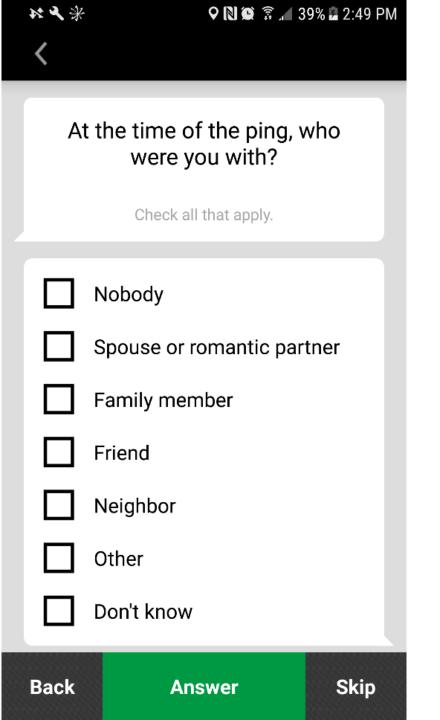
Think about where you were when you were pinged to complete this survey.

When you were pinged, where were you?

Select one.

- At home
- At someone else's home
- In transit by bus, train, subway, taxi, or car
- In transit by foot
- At work
- Someplace else

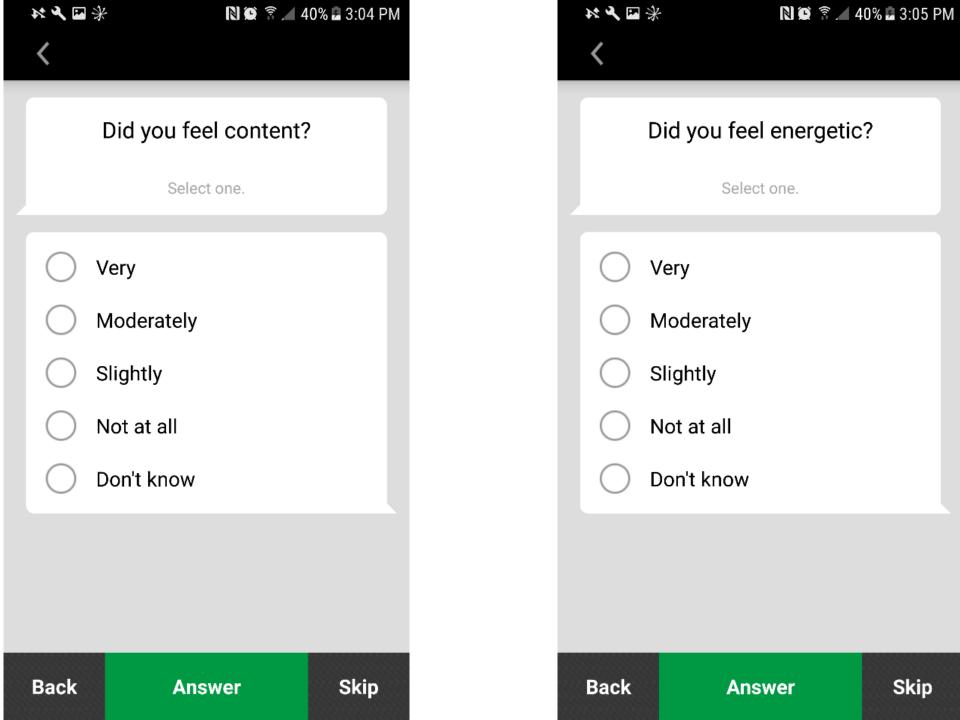


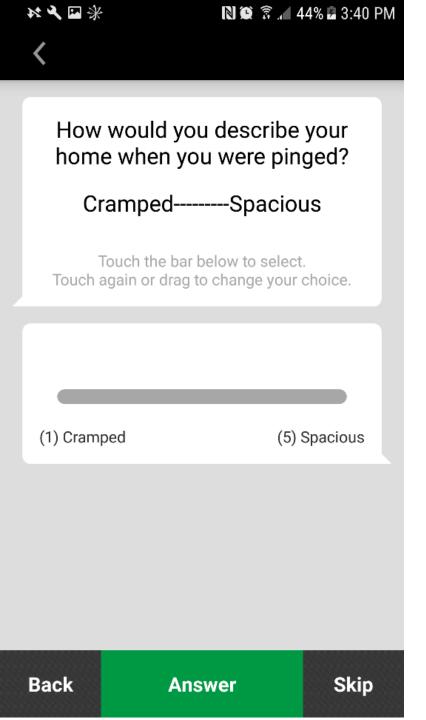


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Other than the people you were with, how many people were around?	
	Select one.
	None
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$\bigcirc$	5 to 9
$\bigcirc$	10 to 20
$\bigcirc$	20 or more
$\bigcirc$	Don't know
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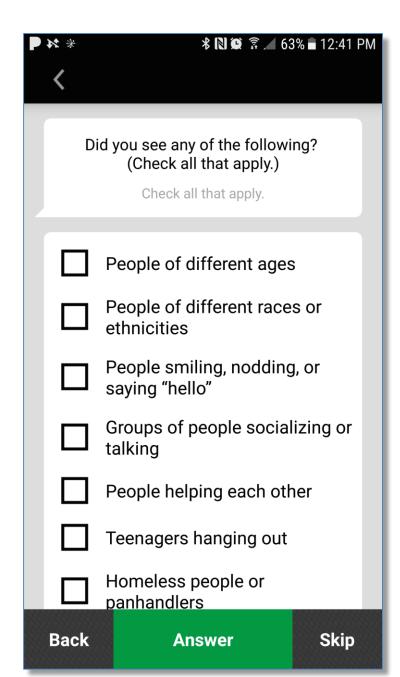




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disa	ndicate how much you agree or agree with the following statement the inside of your home when you were pinged.
Т	his home feels close-knit.
	Select one.
0	Strongly agree
0	Agree
0	Neither agree nor disagree
0	Disagree
0	Strongly disagree
0	Don't know
Back	Answer Skip

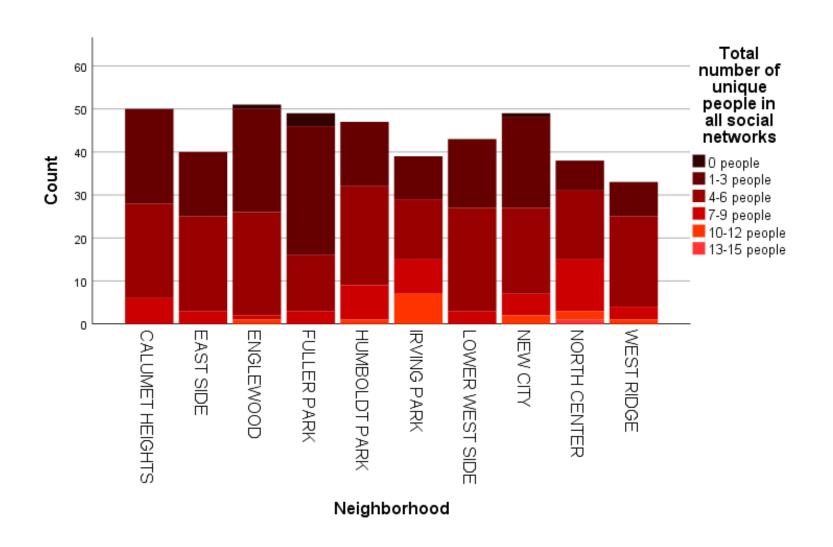
#### **EMA ITEMS**

- Where are you? With whom? Doing what?
- Symptoms of stress, mood, perceived safety, health
- Social and physical characteristics of current location
  - Disorder
  - Street-level integration by age and race/ethnicity
  - Perceived collective efficacy, e.g.,: "This place feels closeknit" "If I needed help in this place, someone would come to my aid"
  - Positive and negative forms of local interaction

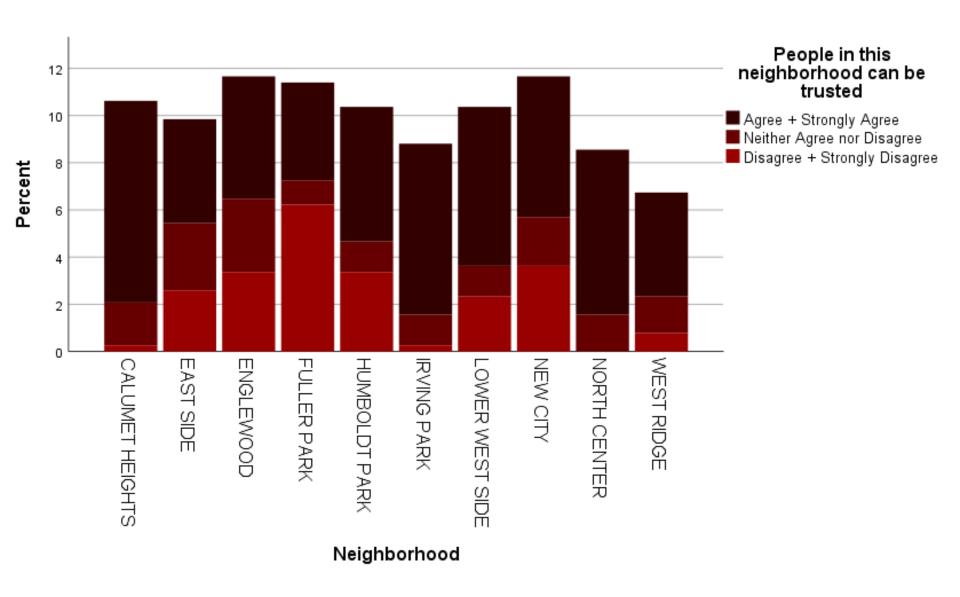


The application of collective efficacy theory to places one passes through, observations of prosocial activity

### **Neighborhoods & Networks**

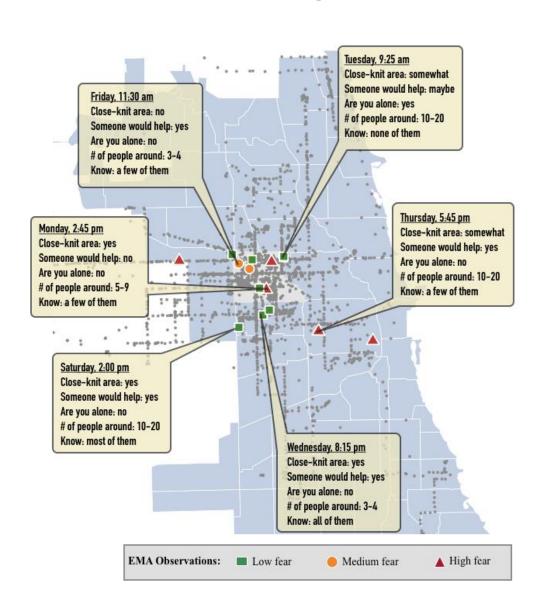


### **Neighborhoods & Trust**

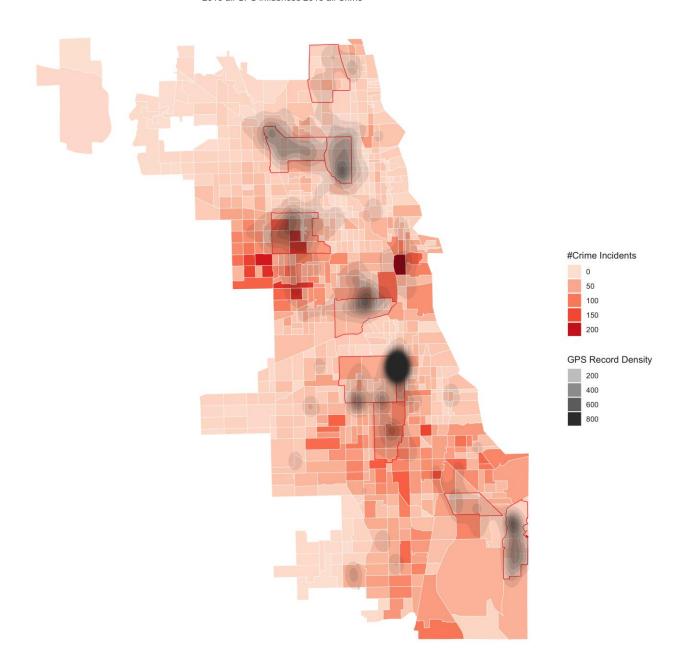




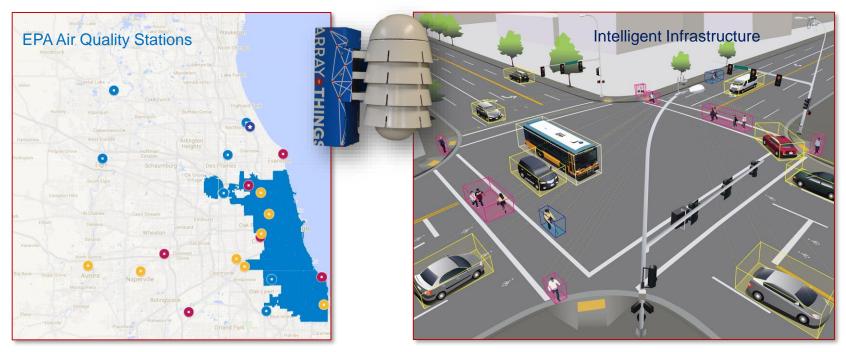
# Example Data from EMA Observations Completed in Public Spaces by Residents of Humboldt Park, Chicago



#### Distribution of Violent Crime in Chicago Time: 24 hrs; 2018 all GPS influences 2018 all Crime

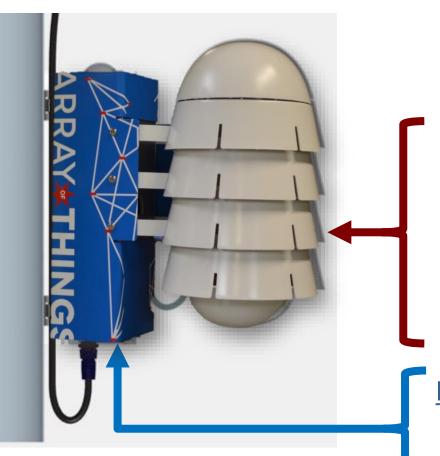


**Understanding Cities** through Data and Computation CHICAGO Argonne NATIONAL LABORATORY Wayle URBAN CENTER FOR COMPUTATION AND DATA UrbanCCD (Computation Institute of the University of Chicago and Argonne National Lab)



The "Array of Things" (AoT) is an NSF-funded Major Research Instrumentation project to create an urban cyberinfrastructure "instrument" comprising hundreds of devices in partnership with the City of Chicago, led by the University of Chicago and Argonne National Laboratory.

## **AoT Current Configuration**



#### **Environment**

Ambient, UV, IR light

Visibility

Magnetic Field

Vibration

Sound pressure

**Temperature** 

Relative humidity

Barometric pressure

#### **Air Quality**

PM 1, 2.5, 10, 40

Carbon monoxide

Ozone

Sulfur dioxide

Nitrogen dioxide

Hydrogen sulfide

Total reducing gases

Total oxidizing gases

### Edge Computing: AI@Edge

<u>Computer Vision</u>: Flooding, traffic flow, safety (bike helmet use, pedestrian patterns...), use patterns of public spaces, cloud cover

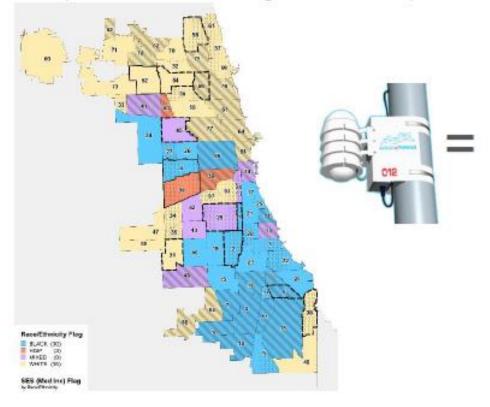
Computer Audio: Noise components, sound events

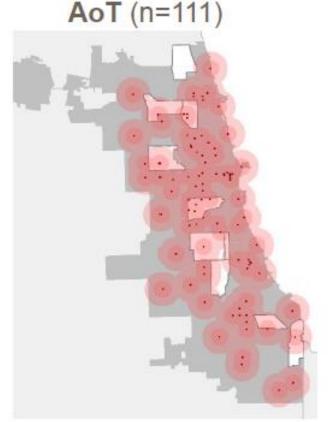
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Responses to surveys may depend on neighborhood environmental conditions (climate, pollution, traffic, noise)

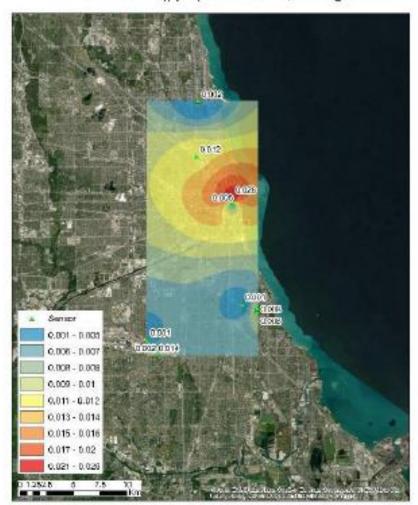
CHART (n=450 in 10 neighborhoods)





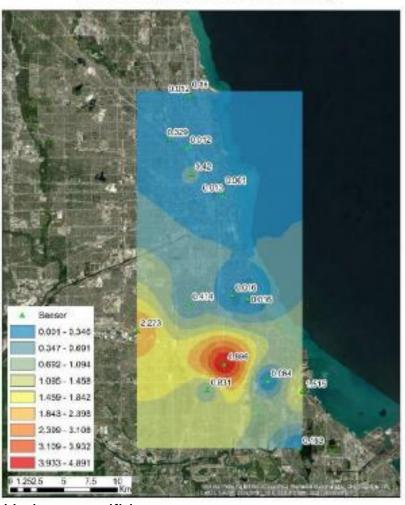
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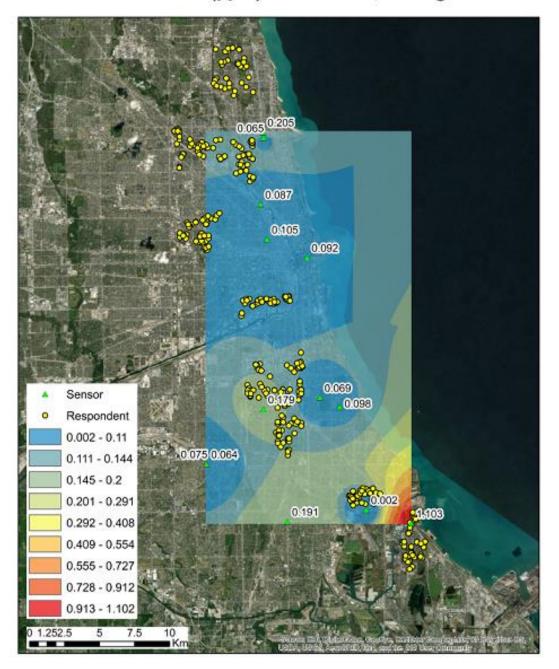
Nitrogen dioxide

Mean H2S (ppm) on Jan 2019, Chicago



Hydrogen sulfide

#### Mean CO (ppm) on Jan 2019, Chicago



# New Directions

- Explore found/big data, with implications for social surveys
- Incorporate rural areas into activity space approach
- Engage in comparative research
- Examine virtual places

   substitute?
- Assess how communities form, and barriers and inducements to residential sorting
  - → Role of propinquity, nature and extent of intergenerational exchange



## **Contact Information**

- Chicago Health and Activity Space in Real Time (CHART)
- 2. Array of Things (AoT)

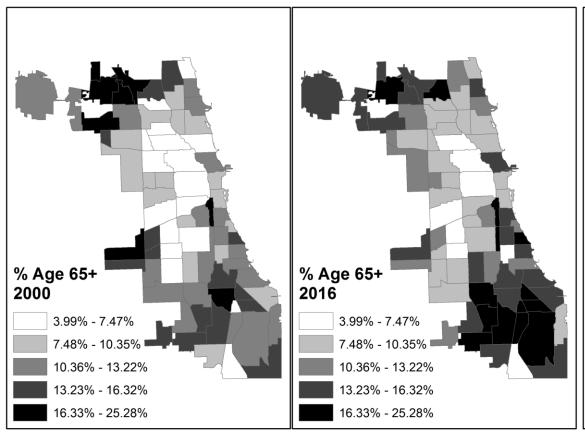
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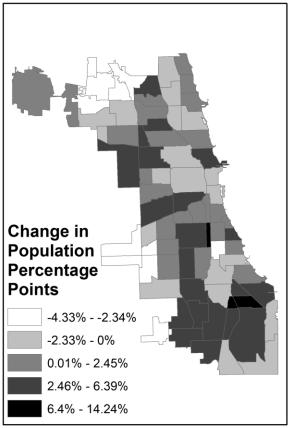
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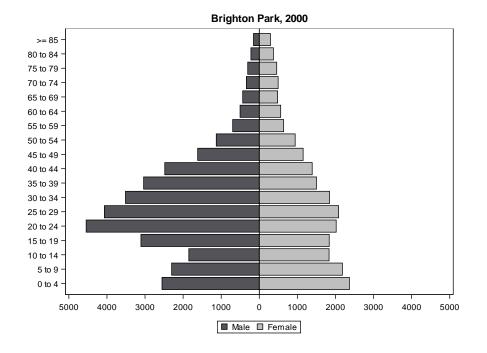


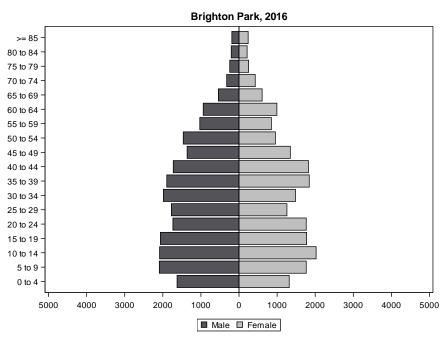
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# **Chicago and its 77 Community Areas Population Composition for those 65+**









APPROACHES TAKEN TO ENSURE ROBUST AND UNBIASED RESULTS include (1) incorporating additional EMA surveys to increase data from outside the home; (2) restructuring of EMA incentives to ensure higher response rates; (3) revising training protocols for Field Interviewers to facilitate recruitment; (4) including multiple survey items from major neighborhood studies to ensure instrument validity and comparability of findings; (5) working with the EMA vendor to confirm essential functionality and ease of use for both respondents and project staff; and (6) reviewing plans for sampling and data collection with the project Advisory Board.

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#### Nov 2017 Pilot

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50 cases Respondents 65+ 4 EMAs/day

Portage Park North Lawndale South Lawndale

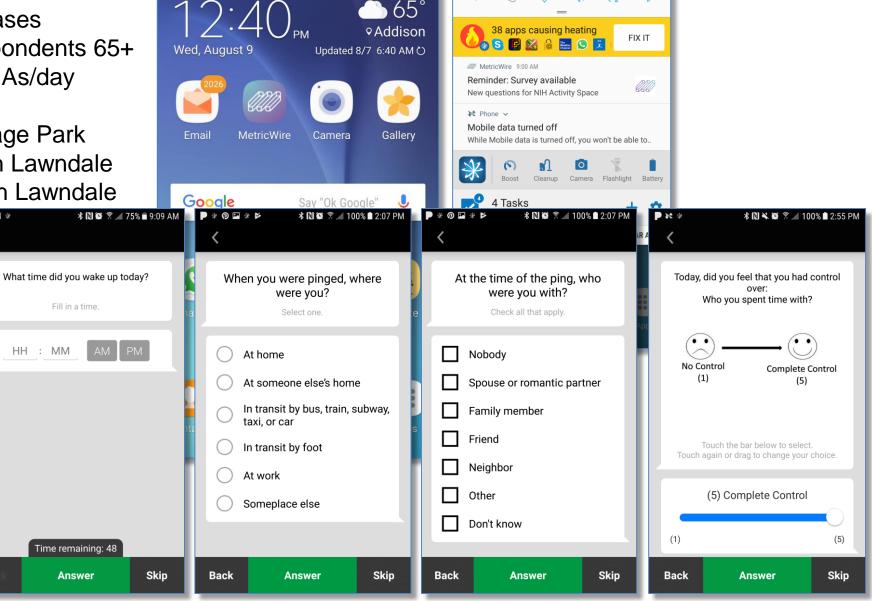
Fill in a time.

Time remaining: 48

**Answer** 

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## Overview

- How do data of form you hope to analyze come to be?
  - Ex: combining social surveys with GPS tracking and Array of Things (AoT)
- How do we make certain that we are measuring what we intend to measure?
  - Validity?
  - Theoretical motivation?
    - Situate in early Chicago School perspectives on role of "place"
    - Envision place and its intersection with age

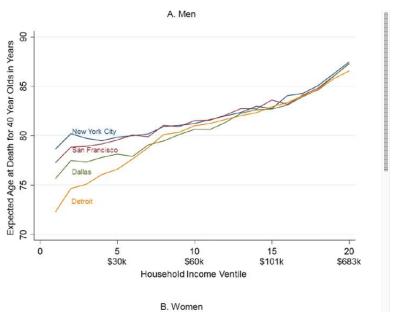


## The CAT-MH (anxiety and depression)

- Item response theory (IRT): modern psychometric theory based on mathematical models that do not assume that items are of equal difficulty and possibly not equally good at discriminating high and low levels of latent trait of interest. Multidimensional IRT extends these ideas to joint measurement of multiple latent variables. IRT is capable of separating characteristics of items from characteristics of subject
- Computerized adaptive testing (CAT): an approach based on IRT in which an optimal set of items is selected for each individual until a previously determined level of precision of the estimate of ability or severity is obtained
- Decision tree: a decision support tool that produces a tree-like model and associated graph. The branches of a tree are defined by answers to each question. The next question asked depends on sequence of answers that occurred prior to it

GIBBONS, ET AL., 2016 9/18/2019

Figure 4



Race- and Ethnicity-Adjusted Life Expectancy by Income Ventile in Selected Commuting Zones, 2001–2014

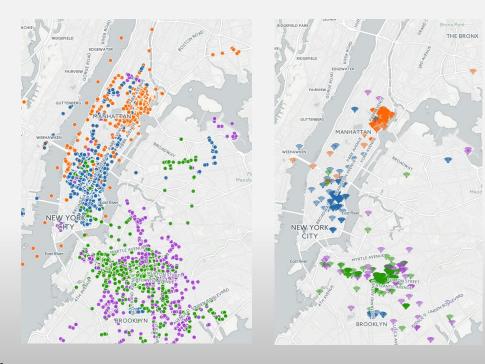
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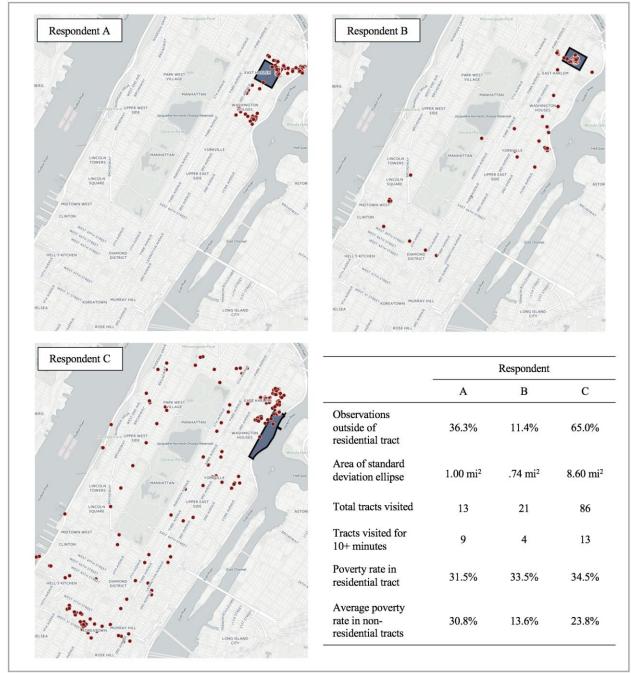
## **How to Begin?**

- Focus on interrelated places
  - household environment
  - neighborhood context
  - social networks
  - activity space
- Investigate range of data collection methods
- Draw on Advisory Board
- Develop feasibility/pilot studies
  - New York
  - Chicago

## Older Adult GPS/EMA Week

- GPS approx every 5 min
- EMA
  - 15 questions
    - · Where are you?
    - · Who are you with?
    - How do you feel? (e.g., health, pain, stress, loneliness)
  - Four times daily, 9AM-9PM
  - Randomly chosen times
  - Two hour completion window





Note: Dots represent respondents' locations captured during the study; residential tracts are shaded in dark gray.

Table 5. Poverty in Residential and Nonresidential Tracts, by Respondent Characteristics

	Mean poverty level in residential tract (SD) <sup>a</sup>	Exposure-weighted poverty level in nonresidential tracts $(SD)^b$	Within-group difference between nonresidential and residential poverty <sup>c</sup>
Overall	23.31 (9.12)	19.96 (7.30)	-3.35**
Age			
55–64	28.01 (9.31)	22.29 (6.11)	-5.72†
65–74	22.21 (8.53)	19.71 (7.70)	-2.50
75 and over	21.52† (8.38)	18.46 (7.30)	-3.06
Gender			
Male	21.52 (8.38)	19.79 (7.58)	-1.73
Female	24.13 (9.42)	20.03 (7.26)	-4.10**
Racial/Ethnic Background		65 100	
Black, non-Hispanic	22.59† (6.80)	20.14** (6.98)	-2.45
Hispanic	29.37** (8.97)	23.75*** (7.74)	-5.62*
White, non-Hispanic	17.13 (10.46)	14.41 (3.41)	-2.72
Education			
Less than college degree	23.65 (8.07)	21.87 (7.42)	-1.78
College degree or more	22.67 (11.59)	15.45*** (4.75)	<i>−7.</i> 22*
Income			
Less than \$20,000	25.69* (8.47)	22.69* (6.84)	$-3.00^{\dagger}$
\$20,000 and higher	20.31 (9.05)	17.63 (6.90)	-2.68
Car ownership			
No	22.85 (9.93)	20.50 (7.70)	-2.35
Yes	24.67 (6.16)	18.32 (5.84)	-6.35***
Senior Center Site			
East Harlem	32.47 (2.07)	24.31 (6.37)	-8.16***
Gramercy Park	15.28*** (11.34)	14.69** (8.53)	-0.59
North Bedford-Stuyvesant	23.50*** (2.41)	25.02 (3.45)	1.52
South Bedford-Stuyvesant	21.60*** (8.76)	15.04*** (2.61)	-6.56**

Note: \*Symbols denote statistically significant differences compared to the italicized group, from bivariate OLS regressions of poverty rates in residential tracts. \*Symbols denote statistically significant differences compared to the italicized group, from bivariate OLS regressions of poverty rates in nonresidential tracts. \*Symbols denote statistically significant differences in residential and nonresidential poverty levels within the same group, based on paired-sample t-tests with df = n-1. \*p < .10. \*p < .05. \*\*p < .05. \*\*p < .01. \*\*\*p < .001 (two-tailed tests).

# **NYC Feasibility Study Findings**

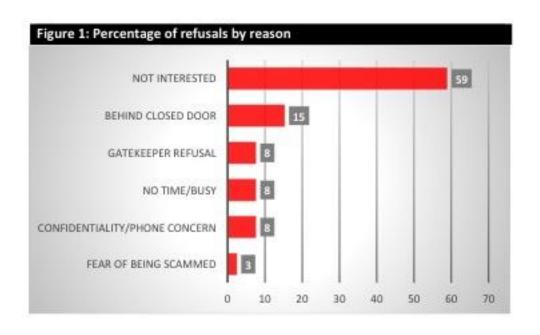
- Activity spaces extend beyond census tracts
- Activity spaces including non-residential areas may be consequential for health
- Poverty rates in nonresidential tracts tend to be lower than in residential tracts
- Substantial variation across groups in extent of difference between residential and nonresidential poverty exposure
  - Hispanic older adults, those with college degrees, and those who own cars spend time in nonresidential areas that are low poverty compared to their residential tracts
- Disorder in immediate environment associated with increase in symptoms of distress
- Smartphone-based methods offer opportunity to examine real-time exposures and shorter-term fluctuations in health



# The Main Study Pilot – Chicago Health and Activity in Real-time (CHART)

- Pilot Nov 08 2017-Jan 06 2018
  - 22 respondents
  - Neighborhoods
    - North Lawndale
    - South Lawndale
    - Portage Park
- Questions to consider:
  - Reliability and validity of questions
  - Instrument length
  - Need for geofencing
  - Use of CAT-MH
  - Field challenges
  - Interface with app developer (MetricWire)

## A Key Field Challenge...



### What we Learned from the Pilot

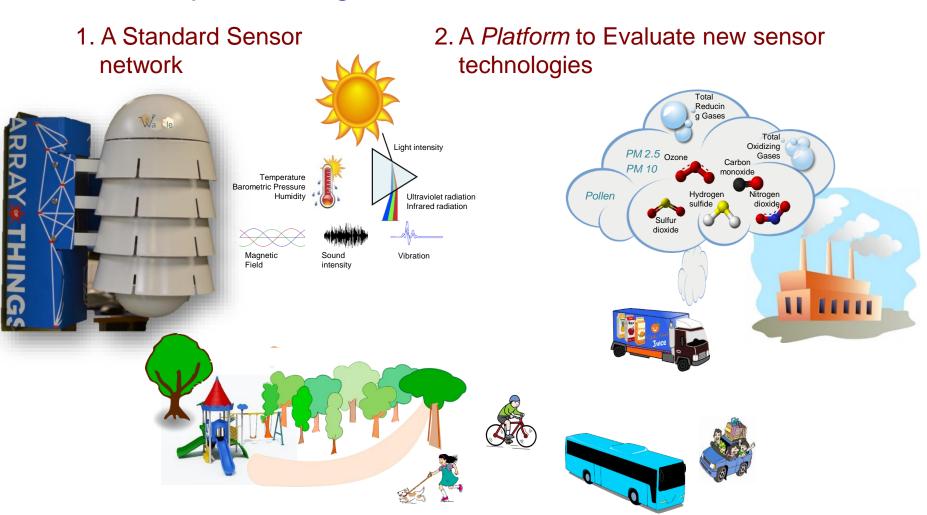
#### Innovations/Decisions

- Addition of a 5<sup>th</sup> daily EMA survey
- Experiment on \$
  - Modifying incentive structure of EMA surveys to include two options (\$1 per survey vs \$5 per day when 3+ surveys completed) will use more effective of two in future waves
- Blood spots instead of saliva (earlier)
- In-home baseline revisions
  - Minor fixes applied to programming of name-generator items and questions about victimization modified to reflect study timelines
  - CAT-MH adaptive assessments used considerably more items than expected (22 for Anxiety and Depression combined; A+D score related to # items at p<.001), but total time was <5 minutes and did not generate complaints from respondents or FIs
- EMA revisions
  - Eliminating items that showed virtually no variability, adding more "positive" choices for neighborhood characteristics and emotional states, as well as option to be with a "pet" rather than being "alone"
  - 41% of completed surveys indicated that respondent was either in someone else's home or in a public space (so decided not to use geofencing)

#### FI Training Considerations

- Respondent interaction
  - · Fear that FIs were selling something (e.g., private health insurance)
  - Talkative respondents
  - Gatekeepers compliance from adult children and caretakers (FI emphasize credential and academic goals)
  - · How to describe GPS tracking?
- Smartphone challenges
  - Lack of familiarity
  - Did not like being responsible for phone
  - Hard to hear ping

## The Array of Things



- 3. A *Platform* with embedded ("edge") computing to develop and evaluate new computer perception capabilities
- 4. <a href="https://arrayofthings.github.io/node-locations.html">https://arrayofthings.github.io/node-locations.html</a>

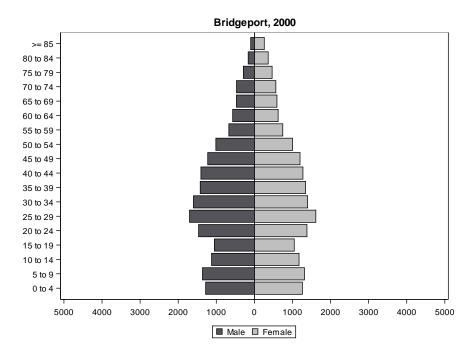
#### When you visit a HH in person and gain cooperation:

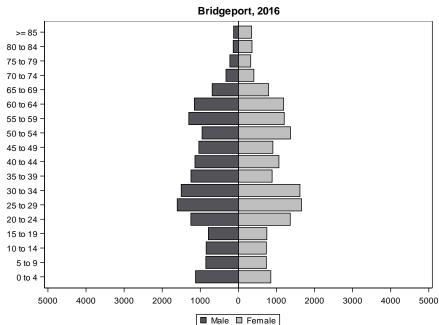
1 <sup>st</sup>	Complete the Screener. The Screener identifies the R, when multiple eligible Rs are available.	SCREENER→
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Complete Main 1 interview with the selected R including biomeasures.	MAIN1→
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Complete CAT-MH interview.	CAT-MH→
4 <sup>th</sup>	Complete Main 2 interview.	MAIN2→
5 <sup>th</sup>	Pay \$40 incentive and collect electronic receipt.	\$
6 <sup>th</sup>	Record phone ID information as a comment in NS- Mobile.	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Log in to MetricWire on the phone and demo EMA survey. Record login information for R on user guide. Make sure volume is set to highest setting.	
8 <sup>th</sup>	Make appointment to collect phone at least 8 days later.	
9 <sup>th</sup>	After Leaving R Home, complete Interviewer survey.	IRQ →
10 <sup>th</sup>	Update phone inventory file with phone status.	
11 <sup>th</sup>	Check phone inventory file after 8 days to determine incentive amount	\$
12 <sup>th</sup>	Pick up phone and charger. Log respondent out of MetricWire.	
13 <sup>th</sup>	Pay EMA incentive and collect e-receipt.	
14 <sup>th</sup>	Update phone inventory file with phone status.	

### Results So Far

#### In field since April 16:

- 228 cases
  - Sex: 158 F
  - Age: mean 73, median 7, range 65-97
  - Race/ethnicity [not mutually exclusive]:
    - African American (139), white (95), Asian (12), Native American (5)
    - Latino (62)
  - Income: mean \$42,803.04, median \$29,000 (180 cases)
  - Roster:
    - SN1 (important people) mean 2.24, median 3
    - SN2 (people you spend your time with, not listed above) mean 1.25, median 1
    - SN3 (people you live with, not listed above) mean 0.46, median 0
    - All 3 SNs combined mean 4.07, median 3.5

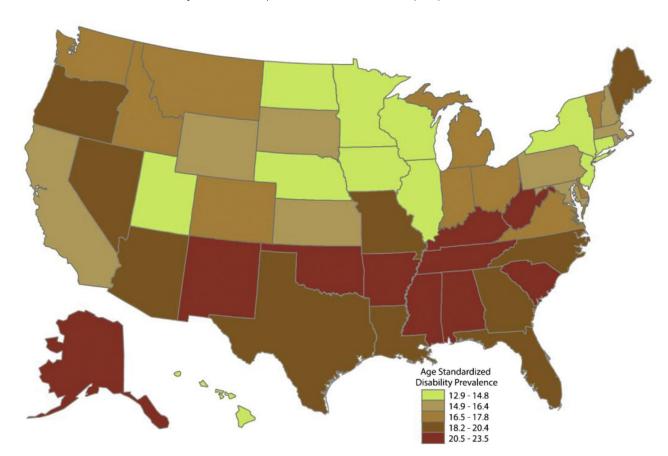




# A Note on Mobility

- Residential mobility more prevalent:
  - Retired
  - Younger
  - Higher levels of income/wealth
  - Poorer health
  - Urban
- Mobility for all age groups fell over last two decades two-earner HHs and long-term population shift to south/west have reduced later life incentive to move (Fernald, 2014)
  - Mobility drops after age 50; continues to decline through the 60s with sharp uptick at ≈85
- Older adults who do move disproportionately do so within their county or state; 14% move to another state
  - In context of disadvantage, African American older adults moved to worse neighborhood, White counterparts to better one (Riley, Hawkley & Cagney, 2016)
- Voluntary weather, children
- Involuntary— eviction, foreclosure

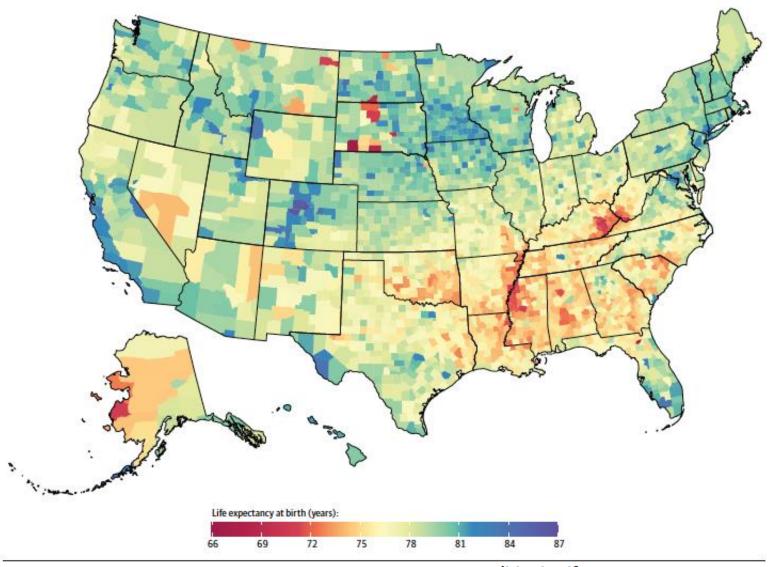




**Fig. 1.** Age-Standardized Disability Prevalence for Adults Aged 24–94 Years and Born in Their State of Residence. *Notes:* Data from the 2010–2014 American Community Survey. Age standardized to the 2010 U.S. Population.

The prevalence of adult disability varies markedly across states, partly reflecting differences in states' policies and strategies. In particular, states with strong economic output and a population that shares more equally in those fortunes seem to be salubrious (Montez, Hayward and Wolf, 2017)

Figure 1. Life Expectancy at Birth by County, 2014



Inequalities in Life Expectancy Among US Counties, 1980 to 2014

Dwyer-Lindgren et al., 2017

# To Consider

- How might we conceive of such work in a rural area?
- What theory do we need for an understanding of place
- How might the use of formal long-term care inform our conception of place?
- Activate aspects of place that might be health-enhancing
- Interplay between the person and his or her environmental context
- Inequality
- Segregation
- that inequalities in place play an important role in generating and maintaining socioeconomic inequalities in later life morbidity and mortality
- Exposure to green space
- Housing and its role in age segregation
- Disparities poluuiton and lead
- Which mechanisms

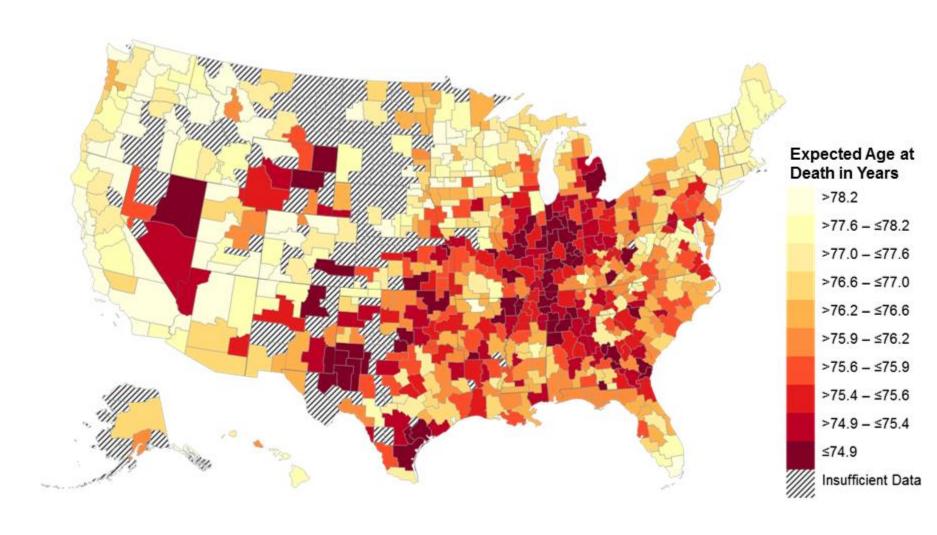


# Study of Place & Aging

- Environmental gerontology
- Geographical gerontology
- Social science perspectives on microenvironment ("neighborhood effects")



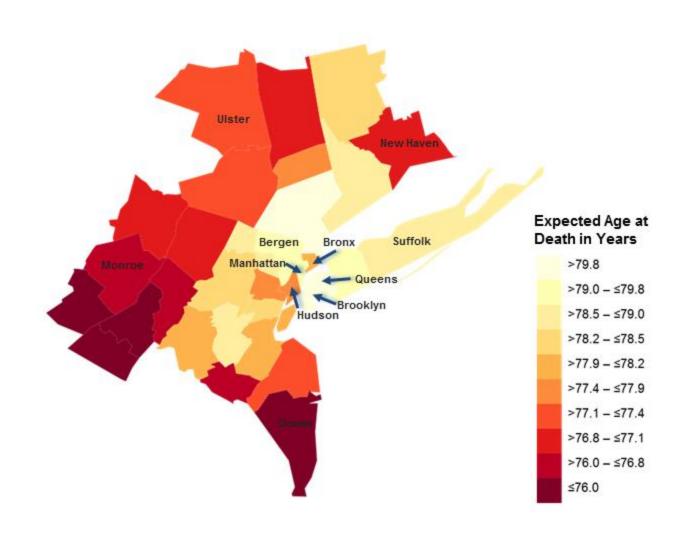
#### Race-Adjusted Expected Age at Death for 40 Year Old Men Bottom Quartile of U.S. Income Distribution



Chetty, et al., 2016

Note: Lighter Colors Represent Areas with Higher Life Expectancy

## Race-Adjusted Expected Age at Death for 40 Year Old Men in Bottom Quartile By County in the New York Area



Chetty, et al., 2016

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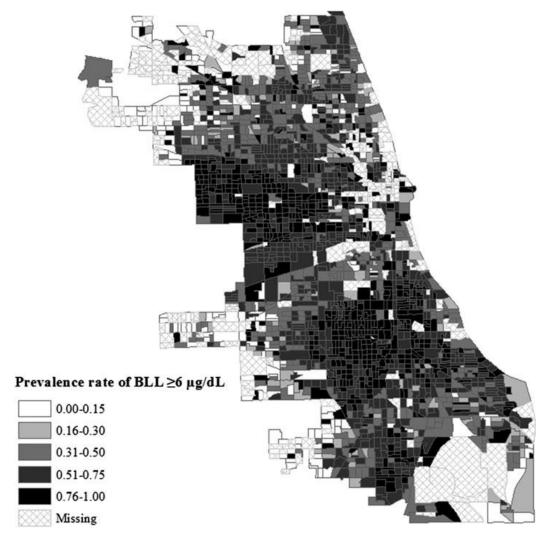
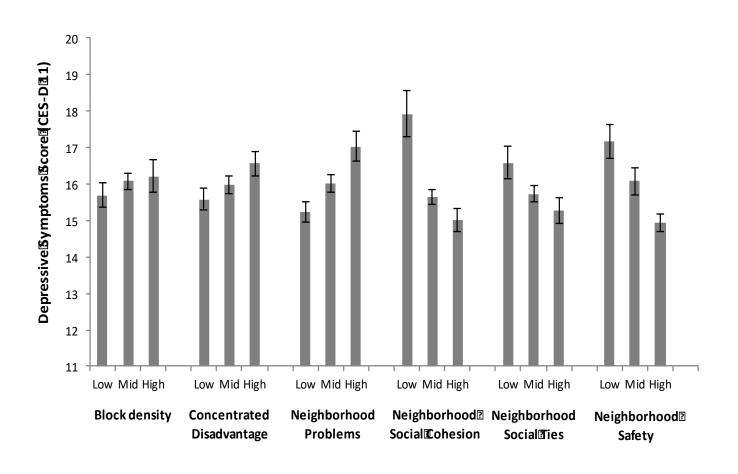
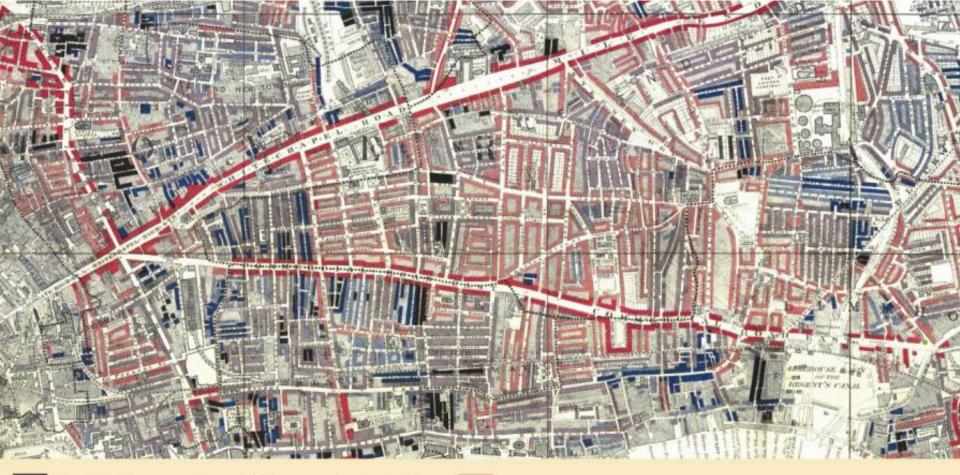


Fig. 1. Prevalence Rates of Elevated BLL for Chicago Block Groups, 1995.

Overall, our theoretical framework posits lead toxicity as a major environmental pathway through which racial segregation has contributed to the legacy of Black disadvantage in the United States (Sampson & Winter, 2016)

## Neighborhood Context Measures Taken to "Areas"





BLACK: Lowest class. Vicious, semi-criminal.

DARK BLUE: Very poor, casual. Chronic want.

LIGHT BLUE: Poor. 18s. to 21s. a week for a moderate family

PURPLE: Mixed. Some comfortable others poor

PINK: Fairly comfortable. Good ordinary earnings.

RED: Middle class. Well-to-do.

YELLOW: Upper-middle and Upper classes. Wealthy.

A combination of colours - as dark blue or black, or pink and red - indicates that the street contains a fair proportion of each of the classes represented by the respective colours.

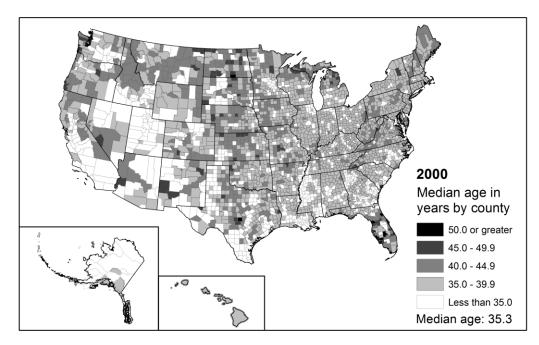
Charles Booth map of poverty, 1889, showing area around the East End of London

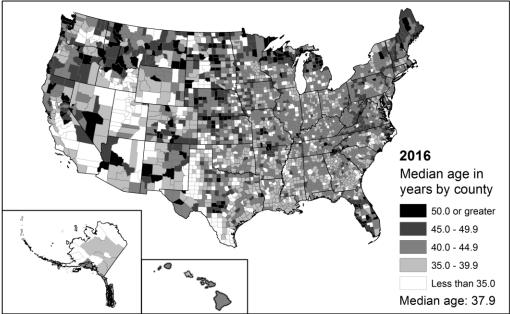
## Overview

- 1. Review underpinnings of research on place
- 2. Make an argument for "joy" of data collection and new ways of capturing place
  - Import of social surveys
  - Relevance of capturing what people think/feel
- 3. Note that capacity to understand influence of place has changed greatly
  - Opportunities
  - Challenges

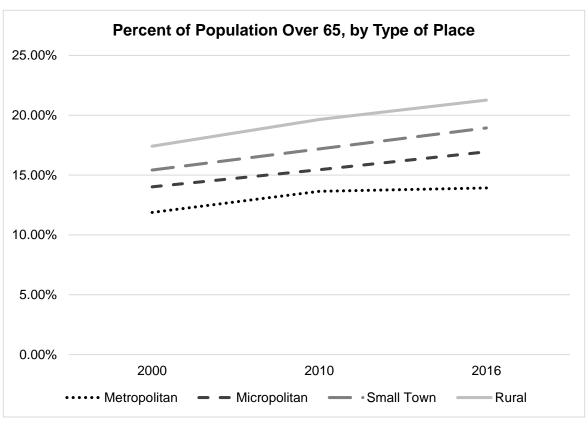
### Chicago as a case







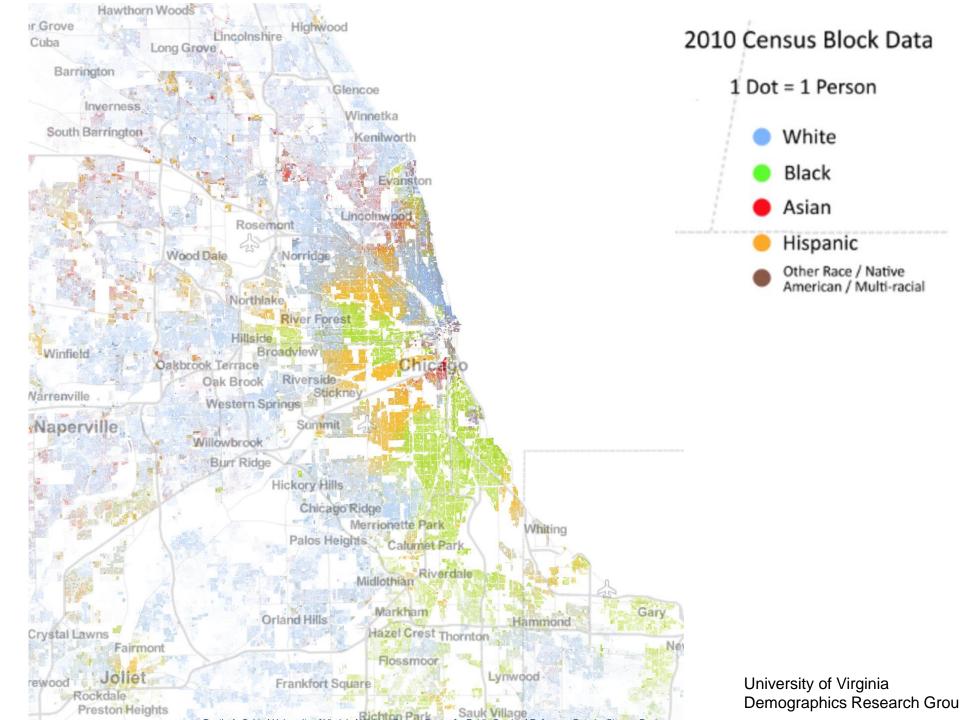
- Median age for adults in rural areas 51, as compared to 45 in urban
- By 2040, 25% of rural households will be 65 or older as compared to 20% of urban
- 2020-2030, rural population growth predicted 1%; urban population growth 8%



Note: Metropolitan (50,000 or more); Micropolitan (at least 10,000 but fewer than 50,000), Small Town (at least 2,500 but fewer than 10,000), Rural (all other).

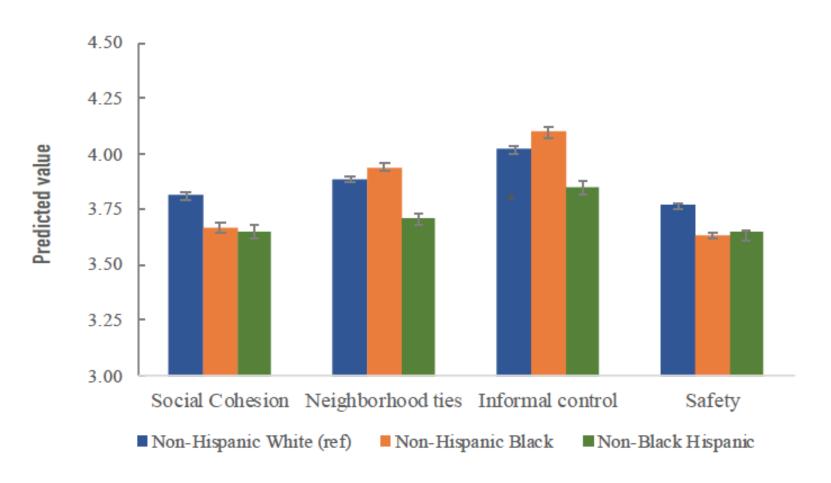
### **Specific Aims:**

- The project aims to collect primary, multi-wave data from 450 Chicagoans aged 65 and older by:
  - conducting in-person interviews to obtain baseline measures of self-reported and objective indices of health, including BMI, physical mobility, and any changes in mental, emotional, and physical health status between each of the three waves of data collection;
  - using smartphone app over week-long periods to identify latitude, longitude, and distance traveled in order to describe respondents' physical activity spaces and to obtain real-time reports of social settings, health status, and well-being using EMA in order to identify day-to-day fluctuations in social environment and both emotional and physical health; and
  - leveraging extant information such as Census and Area Resource File data and sensor-type data on Chicago neighborhoods collected by NSF *Array of Things* project to identify neighborhood environmental and demographic determinants of both activity space and health status.



## **EMA DATA: LOCAL CONTEXT, BY RACE/ETHNICITY**

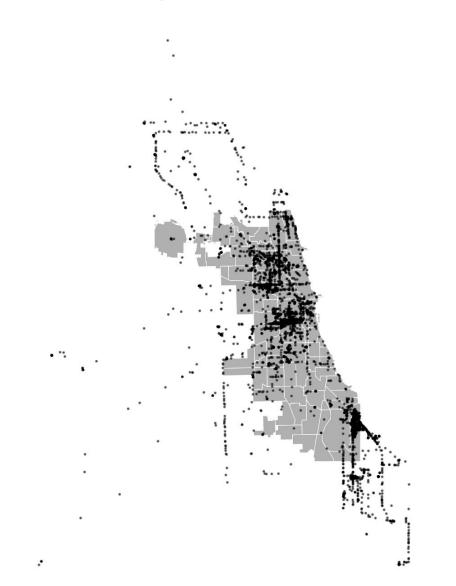
Based on 459 EMA observations in outdoor public places...



# **GPS Locations by Race – African American Respondents**



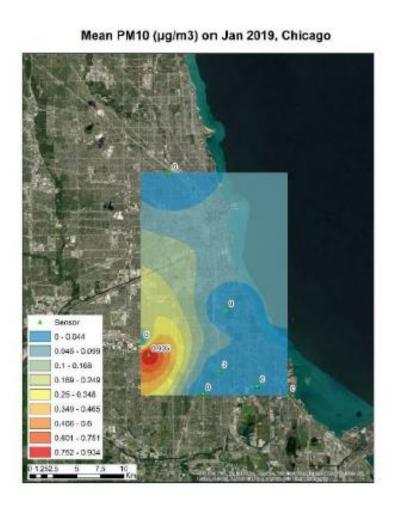
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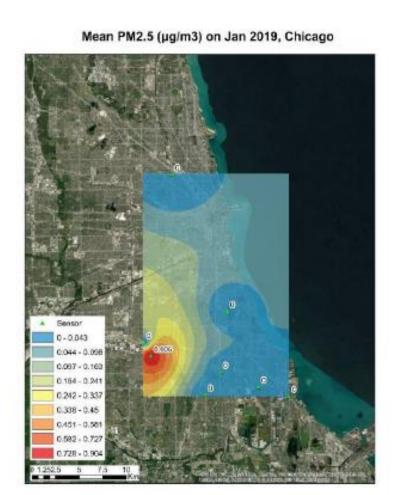


#### **GPS Locations by Race – White Respondents**



## Air Quality Surfaces: Particulate Matter





# Social Capital and Community

- Social capital refers to features networks, norms, and social trust – that facilitate coordination/cooperation for mutual benefit
- Refers to stock of "civic virtues" and networks of civic engagement, involvement, reciprocity norms, trust, volunteerism, and sharing essential to democratic communities
  - Coleman defines social capital as a structural property of relationships and describes how strong ties shape social norms, expectations, trust, informal social control
  - Illustrates importance of social capital by linking it to development of human capital
- Social capital includes a social relationship element (e.g., concrete social network ties) and a resource or benefit component (e.g., trust) at either individual or collective level (Cornwell and Eads, 2013)

Chicago as a case



