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D R A F T A bibliography and webliography of Puerto Rican Chicago

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This Lab Note reflects the first stage of a three-year research project known as eChicago. Our interest here is to examine the population of Chicago, in particular a subset of ethnicities and community areas, and analyze how these communities are navigating the digital age. Stage one is to understand the communities today and discover how they are represented in cyberspace. Thus our initial products include a webliography/bibliography on each community and we are honored to partner with experts on these communities. eChicago is funded by the Institute for Museum and Library Services and the full title of the project is Chicago community informatics: Places, uses, resources.

Further work entails surveying the communities for public access computing sites (Places), interviewing members of community organizations on how they use digital tools (Uses), and helping a subset of these groups create digital resources that represent their cultural heritage and identity (Resources). The project's theoretical framework centers on social capital and social networks.

The bibliography relies on resources at the U of Illinois library and worldcat.org. The categories in the webliography follow with minor adjustment the 21 categories laid out in Alkalimat (2004). This webliography/bibliography is a work in progress and will be updated. The urls listed reflect our recent search, but are subject to change. If you know of missing items, we would appreciate hearing from you.

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The Community Informatics Lab is a research facility opened in January 2008 in order to study the interaction of local communities and information technology in the tradition of the bench sciences, with a physical lab space for multiple projects. Its goal is to perfect current methodologies and develop new ones. Current projects include eChicago (ethnic communities and technology use), TOP Data Archive (creating and using an archive of 600+ community technology projects), eBlack (creating and using two online datasets regarding African American Illinois and African American Studies), Pnet 15 (reviewing the 15 year history of Prairienet), and Community Technology on Earth (coding and analyzing documented instances of community technology).



The CI Lab looks forward to becoming a research tool available for faculty and students studying local communities or carrying out research in local communities. We welcome inquiries and visits from across the university, the state, and beyond. A weekly pot luck dinner during the semester is open to all.

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