Pittsburgh Transformations Project: Race, Migration, Education, and Healthcare

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Motivation

• We aim to gather, analyze, and share data to enhance the visibility and knowledge of Western Pennsylvania's ethnic communities of color (ECCs):

- African Americans/Black diaspora
- Asian Americans
- Latinxs
- Native Americans

Project Description

- The study has two segments:
- Intertwined Histories
 - Addresses migration, community formation, and civil rights struggles, particularly in education and healthcare.
- Impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic
- Focuses on equity and access in health and education services.

Context

• Ethnic Communities of Color have a deep history in the Pittsburgh region, yet the scholarship remains fragmented. The project's multifocal and multidisciplinary approach offers a transformative understanding of historical and contemporary issues by exploring intersecting experiences of Black and Brown communities.

Ethnic Population Shifts - Pittsburgh 2010-2020

2010 2020







This multidisciplinary, collaborative study explores the intersecting past and present struggles, geographies, and social experiences of Black and Brown communities in Pittsburgh/Western PA.

Project Deliverables

- Principal investigators, as well as student researchers and interns, will engage mixed methods to collect historical, qualitative, and quantitative data.
- We aim to establish a data set of 100 interviews (25 per focus-population) that reflect diversity in age, gender, time in Pittsburgh/Allegheny County, socio-economic status, and experiences during the pandemic.

Project Outcomes Are:

- **Data Visualization:** A data platform to digitally map the focus communities over time.
- **Podcast:** A four-part podcast highlighting migrations, racialization, social movements, and educational and healthcare policies impacting these communities.
- **Project Website:** A website to make our findings and podcast accessible to the public.
- Student Development and Training: Provide training and development for graduate and undergraduate students in research coordination and support.

Potential Impact

- The project aims to foster community dialogues highlighting race/ethnicity, migration, health, and education in the region for Black and Brown communities.
- These groups, despite their significant presence, contributions, and disparities remain understudied within the region and our hope is that this comparative research and analysis will offer positive interventions for Black and Brown communities in Pittsburgh/Western PA.

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