



COMMUNITY INFORMATICS INITIATIVE



The Community Informatics Initiative of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign is pleased to take part in Community Informatics Research Network and congratulate the organizers on another successful conference.

The Community Informatics Initiative (CII) is a research and teaching center for community informatics at the University of Illinois. CII researchers, faculty and students work with community members to develop information and communication technologies to achieve their goals. CII fosters collaborations across campus, local, national and international communities to build innovative community networks, community technology centers, software, and library services. The core of the CII is community inquiry: collaborative action to create knowledge and technology connected to people's values, history, and lived experiences; the development of models of engagement that are just, democratic, participatory, and open-ended; and the integration of theory and practice in an experimental and critical manner.



Jake Odland, an alum of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science, went to São Tomé, West Africa, on a Community Informatics project. Here he is rebuilding computers with youth as part of a class in the English Language Club.

Students in the Graduate School of Library and Information Science can pursue a specialization in community informatics in conjunction with a Masters degree and they can pursue a doctorate in the area. For information on community informatics at GSLIS see, <http://www.lis.uiuc.edu/programs/ms/cic.html>, and for details on the Doctoral program see, <http://www.lis.uiuc.edu/programs/phd/>

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