
**Pittsburgh Partnership for Neighborhood Development Announces Addition of
CMU Fellow**

PPND is pleased to announce the commencement of the PPND Fellowship Program in partnership with Carnegie Mellon University's Heinz School for Public Policy and Management. Starting in fall of 2008, the fellowship will be awarded annually to an outstanding student enrolling in the Master of Science in Public Policy and Management degree at the Heinz School. The selected candidate must demonstrate an interest and commitment to community development in underserved urban communities. This fellowship is intended to support the mission and vision of PPND.

The fellow will receive a full tuition scholarship for the two year program. In addition, the recipient will receive a two year paid internship with PPND.

PPND is excited to welcome the first fellow, Joseph L. Dickerson III

Joseph, a native of Seattle, graduated from Swarthmore College in eastern Pennsylvania with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education and Psychology and minor in Philosophy in May of 2004. Joseph worked at the Development Corporation of Columbia Heights as a business development officer and at PNC Bank as a low-income community business banker. With PNC Bank, he worked closely with business and community groups in economically distressed area to help them access the capital to expand and improve their communities.

Joseph has also held numerous leadership and board positions at organizations including Urban Village Corporation, Brookland Community Development Corporation, H Street-Main Corporation, Enterprise Development Group and the Coalition for Economic Empowerment among many others.

At PPND, Joseph will work on a number of projects including developing training programs for community organizations, writing business plans, program assistance as well as assistance with PPND special projects such as the Multi-Neighborhood Corridor and Community Development Collaborative plans.

This fellowship aids the university in recruiting top candidates to the school and supports PPND's work on special projects. PPND is grateful to the Heinz School for developing this fellowship and is thrilled to have Joseph join our staff

For more information on the fellowship program visit www.heinz.cmu.edu.

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