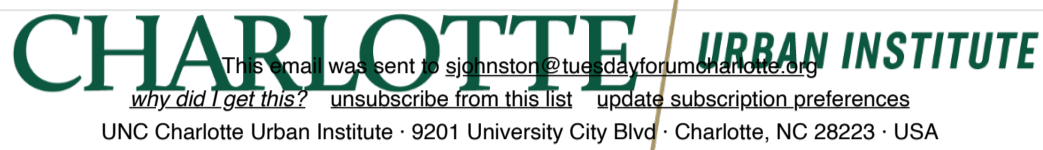


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Join us for the 2023-24 Schul Forum Series
 Our Connecting Spaces: The Intersection of Arts, Culture & Community
 Nov. 9 at 12 p.m. // Virtual

Good morning,

Please join our second Shul Conversation, part of the annual [Schul Forum Series](#) - we [saved a spot](#) for you.

As a part of the Charlotte Urban Institute community, we hope you'll join what we believe will be one of the most meaningful virtual discussions of the year. On **Nov. 9 at noon**, we'll explore the intersection of arts, culture and community, as well as converse about the role the arts play in driving economic prosperity in the Charlotte region.

Recent research by Raj Chetty and his team tells us that connections across class - or [economic connectedness](#) - are associated with higher rates of economic mobility in communities around the nation. And, although the Charlotte-region is full of colorful murals, has a robust performing arts schedule, and is decorated with beautiful sculptures and art, we can't help but wonder: Are we truly making the most of our creative spaces through the lens of connection? Does it matter?

On Nov. 9, we invite you to listen in and to ask the important questions about how we use arts and cultural spaces to improve community participation and economic outcomes - especially when [previous research](#) suggests that participation in the arts is associated with more diverse friendships across class and difference.

This conversation will include national and local voices [Usha Srinivasan](#), president of [Mosaic America](#); [Dr. Vaughn Schmutz](#), Gambrell Faculty Fellow and University of North Carolina at Charlotte associate professor of Sociology; [Priya Sircar](#), Arts and Culture Officer with the [City of Charlotte](#); [Krista Terrell](#), president of the [Arts & Science Council](#); and moderator [Dr. Jose Gamez](#), interim dean of UNC Charlotte's College of Arts + Architecture. The webinar will complement the [Chancellor's Speaker Series](#) on November 14 featuring Dr. Raj Chetty and will lead to our in-person Schul Forum event on February 1, 2024. Stay tuned for more details on the Schul Forum.

So, how can we make the most of opportunities in our creative spaces to improve economic prosperity? How do we ensure equitable access to, and diverse participation in, our region's arts and culture sector? How can we develop connections in creative spaces and what are the benefits for the community at large?

[Reserve your seat](#) today to meet us at **The Intersection of Arts, Culture & Community** and let's find out together!

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