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GUGGENHEIM SCHOLAR TO LEAD OHIO STATE'S CENTER FOR URBAN AND REGIONAL ANALYSIS (CURA)

Daniel Sui has joined The Ohio State University *Center for Urban and Regional Analysis* (CURA) as its director. He has also been named Distinguished Professor of Social and Behavioral Sciences in the Department of Geography. A 2009 Guggenheim Foundation Fellow, Sui is a widely respected scholar in many aspects of technology, spatial sciences, urban, and regional research. He comes to Ohio State from Texas A & M where he held the Reta A. Haynes Endowed Chair in Geosciences and served as assistant vice president for research and director for geospatial information science & technology (GIST).

Sui's research interests include the integration of spatial analysis and modeling with GIS for socio-economic and environmental applications, theoretical issues in geographic information science (GIScience), GIS in public health, urban geography, information ecology, and emerging geographies of the information society. He is currently working on legal and ethical issues of using geospatial technologies to track people, animals, and commodities. Sui is a Co-PI on a NSF-funded project on geographic knowledge production using volunteered geographic information. Sui serves as the editor-in-chief for *GeoJournal* and a contributing editor of *GeoWorld*. Sui is also a current member of the U.S. National Mapping Science Committee.

CURA is one of eight university research centers in The Ohio Urban University Program (UUP), the State's foremost urban public policy and economic development resource and the oldest statewide inter-university program in the United States. The primary mission of CURA is to conduct research on issues/problems that apply to urban and metropolitan areas, rural areas, and broader regional issues. CURA plays a major role in tracking urban growth and land use change, household migration and foreclosure patterns, and infrastructure vulnerability, as well as assessing workforce development, security networks, and neighborhood revitalization.

"We are very fortunate to have a scholar of Dan's caliber come to Ohio State to lead CURA," said Morton O'Kelly, chair and professor of geography. "He excels as a scientist, teacher and administrator, and he has the ability to lead people and programs to their highest levels."

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