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**ERICA RALEIGH, DIRECTOR OF DATA DRIVEN DETROIT,
WINS 2014 URBAN AFFAIRS ASSOCIATION AWARD**

Award for Best Paper Presented at 44th Annual Conference in San Antonio, TX

DETROIT, Michigan – Michigan Nonprofit Association (MNA), a state-wide association serving the nonprofit sector, today announced that Erica Raleigh of Data Driven Detroit and George Galster of Wayne State University were awarded the Urban Affairs Association 2014 Best Conference Paper Award.



Their submission, “Neighborhood Disinvestment, Abandonment and Crime Dynamics” provided a critical perspective on the assumed relationship between abandoned buildings, crime, drugs and liquor licenses on neighborhood safety in Detroit. This study encourages urban managers to reconsider how abandoned housing is managed and demolished, and what would be the “right size” for an urban area, particularly in declining cities. The UAA conference included over 700 participants, representing universities, research institutions, non-profit organizations, and public and private institutions, who met to discuss 21st century issues impacting urban people and places.

“I am humbled to receive this award from UAA,” said Erica Raleigh, Director of D3. “It is a privilege and an honor to be recognized this group of professional urban researchers.”

About Michigan Nonprofit Association (MNA)

Incorporated in 1990, MNA is a statewide membership organization dedicated to serving the diverse nonprofit sector through civic engagement, capacity-building, data and technology, training, and advocacy. MNA manages multiple programs and affiliates including [Data Driven Detroit](#), [Highway T](#), [The LEAGUE Michigan](#), [Michigan Campus Compact](#) and [Volunteer Centers of Michigan](#). For more information, visit www.mnaonline.org.

About Data Driven Detroit (D3)

Data Driven Detroit (D3), an affiliate of the [Michigan Nonprofit Association \(MNA\)](#), provides accessible, high-quality information and analysis to drive informed decision-making. D3 houses a comprehensive data system that includes current and historic indicators - demographic, socio-economic, educational, environmental, and more. This system allows analysts to illustrate complex relationships by combining different datasets to reveal the true stories of our regions, cities, and neighborhoods. For more information, visit www.datadrivendetroit.org.

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