

Lena Hatchett, PhD, has recently joined the Neiswanger Institute on a full-time basis. She had shared a position between bioethics and the department of preventive medicine. But, her increased role with institute will allow her to teach more in the online graduate programs where she currently teaches courses on public health ethics and social science and medicine to participants from around the country. Dr. Hatchett is developing a new course on health disparities and community benefit. She is also working with Katie Wasson, PhD, to increase the mentorship of student research projects in the SSOM Honors Program in Bioethics and Professionalism. In addition to her appointment as Assistant Professor of Bioethics, Dr. Hatchett will continue to be the Director of Community and University Partnerships for our campus. Among the collaborative projects in which she participates are her projects are

- **Maywood Multicultural Farmers Market** is a community partnership with Village of Maywood, Dr. Cynthia Winston Chiropractic PC and Loyola University Chicago, Stritch School of Medicine. The goal of the market is to increase access to fresh fruits and vegetables and promote community engagement. The market provides information on fruits, vegetables, cooking, youth activities and gardening. Health screenings are provided by Loyola Medical students bi-weekly.
- **Cook County Green Corps (CCGC)** is a summer job training demonstration project funded by American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The project is a collaborative effort between Cook County President's Office of Employment and Training, University of Illinois Extension and Loyola University Chicago, Stritch School of Medicine. Cook County Green Corps prepares young adults (18-24) for college, further training, and careers in the green economy. Participants are exposed to the foundations of environmental literacy, sustainable food and agriculture, community gardening, water conservation, sustainable energy sources and more.
- **Proviso Action Committee PAC** is a community partnership designed to promote positive youth development through local policy change. PAC is comprised of over 30 local, county and state agencies including school districts, park districts, law enforcement and social service agencies collaborating together to increase access to youth recreation, promote excellence in education, and support juvenile justice.