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Myron Orfield has become “the most influential social demographer in America's burgeoning regional movement,” wrote Neal Peirce in a syndicated column in spring 2002. Orfield is the Fesler-Lampert Chair in Urban and Regional Affairs 2005-2006 and an Associate Professor of Law at the University of Minnesota. He is the Executive Director of the Institute on Race and Poverty and president of Ameregis Corporation, in addition to being a non-resident senior fellow at the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C. He is an authority on civil rights, state and local government, state and local finance, land use, questions of regional governance, and the legislative process.

Orfield's most recent book, *American Metropolitics: The New Suburban Reality*, was published by the Brookings Institution Press in March 2002. This work provides an eye-opening analysis of the economic, racial, environmental, and political trends of the 25 largest metropolitan regions in the United States. Orfield's groundbreaking first book, *Metropolitics: A Regional Agenda for Community and Stability* (Brookings Institution Press: 1997), redefined the field of regional studies. Orfield and his research have been featured on PBS' “The Newshour, ABC News' “Nightline,” National Public Radio's “Talk of the Nation” and “Morning Edition,” *US News and World Report*, *Business Week*, *The National Journal*, *Crain's Chicago Business*, *USA Today* and *The Wall Street Journal*. To see Orfield's full list of publications, please visit his law school profile at <http://www.law.umn.edu/facultyprofiles/orfieldm.htm>.

Orfield served five terms in the Minnesota House of Representatives, and one term in the State Senate, authoring a series of sweeping laws that brought about metropolitan reform that created the nation's most substantial regional government and reformed land use and fiscal equity laws in the Twin Cities area. He works with local land use organizations across the nation, making the case for regional approaches to metropolitan governance.

Orfield serves on the board of the Institution's Metropolitan Policy Program. He has served on the National Academy of Sciences Committee on Improving the Future of U.S. Cities and the Policy Council of the Association of Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM). He served on the directorate of the American Planning Association's (APA) Growing Smart Project and drafted the APA's uniform regional tax equity statute. Orfield has written broadly in legal and planning journals in the areas of growth management, state and local finance, and regional governance.

Orfield has a B.A., summa cum laude, from the University of Minnesota, conducted graduate work at Princeton University and earned his J.D. from the University of Chicago, where he served as a member of the law review. After working as a law clerk for a federal appellate judge, Orfield was appointed Assistant Attorney General of Minnesota and appeared in significant cases before the U.S. Supreme Court and state and federal appellate courts. He also has practiced in the private sector. He lives with his family in Minneapolis.