

## **Colleen Casey, University of Texas at Arlington**

Dr. Colleen Casey received her Ph.D. in Public Policy Analysis and Administration from Saint Louis University and is currently an Assistant Professor at the University of Texas at Arlington in the School of Urban and Public Affairs. From January – August 2010, she served as a visiting scholar for the Federal Reserve Bank Atlanta in the Community and Economic Division. Her research focuses on access to credit, specifically, the effects of policies and programs designed to stimulate reinvestment in low-income, urban communities and the role of social capital. Her work has been published in journals such as the *Journal of Planning Education and Research* and *Critical Sociology*, and she has also co-authored reports for the Brookings Institution. She primarily teaches courses in public administration and policy, including organization theory, decision-making and public policy, program evaluation and policy analysis. A central element in many of her courses is the inclusion of a local group or organization facing a particular challenge or need, which provides students with practical experience, fosters greater university-community relations and enhances the work of the partner organization. Previous partnerships include the City of Arlington, TX, as well as a number of nonprofit groups in the local community.