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Carla M. Roach is a fourth year research assistant with JGC. Together with community-based teams and other Gardner Center staff, she is conducting a multi-year study to generate a deeper theoretical understanding of the community school model and identify lessons regarding its implementation. Prior to joining JGC, Carla served as Project Director for a three-year Ford Foundation initiative that explored the links between youth development and civic activism. Carla holds a masters degree in Community Services Management and is pursuing a Ph.D. in Education at Stanford University. Carla's areas of expertise include youth development and community building; her research is driven by an interest in schools as contexts and catalysts for both processes.