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Details forthcoming

Dear Friends of the Great Cities Institute,

The Fall semester is now in full swing as are the Institute's research activities and calendar of public seminars. Special alert! In the next few days the Institute will send out to all campus units the guidelines for the 2012-2013 Faculty Scholar competition. This year we will invite proposals that address the theme Envisioning Equality. The Institute is interested in proposals that speak to this theme because of its relevance to critical policy spheres and because such a theme will encourage interdisciplinary collaboration and synergies among the cohort of individual faculty scholars or research teams. Further details will be available when we issue the invitation for proposals.



The Great Cities/Ordinary Lives Conference went spectacularly well in September, and several additional high profile, exciting events are planned for October and November. On October 6th, Historian Gyan Prakash will be visiting from Princeton University to speak on "History as Urban Archaeology-Writing 'Mumbai Fables.'" GCI is co-hosting this event with the department of history, and it is the first of a series of seminars involving GCI collaboration with other units on campus. On October 10th, Bill Barnes, who writes a well known monthly blog for the National League of Cities, will discuss "Regionalism in a Time of Turmoil." Podcasts of all these talks will be available on our website.

In October GCI will co-host a delegation of 28 emerging Russian civic, political and business leaders whom are participating in an international education program organized by the Moscow School of Political Studies. During their stay, the mix of professionals from government, private industry, universities, and other sectors will meet their US counterparts and engage in discussions about American style federalism, good governance, the rule of law, the importance of civic engagement, and other domestic policy issues. One of their days in Chicago will be spent at GCI, where they will explore the role of universities in urban development and participate in a conversation about urban policy concerns with academics and practitioners.

Save the date for the 10th anniversary of the launching of the Certificate in Nonprofit Management celebration to be held on November 8, 2011 at Student Center East. This flagship program of GCI's Office of Professional Education will commemorate the occasion with a panel discussion titled "The Future of Nonprofits in Chicago," followed by a reception.

In addition to this busy schedule of activities, the Institute will be engaged in two searches that are critical to the future of GCI. Recruitment of a new Director for the Center for Urban Economic Development (CUED) is progressing, and a search committee for a Director of GCI will soon be announced. With the help of a GCI Faculty Scholar Program Review Committee, we also are reformatting the faculty scholar program to reflect concerns of scholars' home departments, fiscal impacts for GCI, the need to sustain more enduring, longer term relationships with all scholars, and more. I look forward to keeping you apprised of changes as they happen.

Be sure to stay informed of our activities via our website, Facebook page, and newsletter. And as always, feel free to contact me directly at djudd@uic.edu. Best wishes for a productive semester,

Dennis R. Judd
Interim Director, UIC Great Cities Institute
Professor, UIC Department of Political Science

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PODCASTS

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Great Cities/Ordinary Lives Conference Podcasts September 16 - 17, 2011

Panel 1 (Moshe Semyonov, Xiangming Chen, and Jan Lin)

[Presentations, Q&A](#)

Panel 2 (Japonica Brown-Saracino, Krista Paulsen, Richard Lloyd, Zachary Neal, Harvey Molotch)

[Presentations, Q&A](#)

Panel 3 (Hilary Silver, Andy Clarno & Claire Decoteau, Maria Krysan & Michael Bader)

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Panel 4 (Bob Bruegmann, Michael Ebner, Nancy Denton, and Harvey Choldin)

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Panel 5 (Peter Dreier, Wanda Rushing, Mary Pattillo, Philip Nyden)

[Presentations, Q&A](#)

Upcoming Events

GCI Comparative Urbanisms Lecture Series

“History as Urban Archaeology - Writing ‘Mumbai Fables’”

Gyan Prakash
Professor, Department of History
Princeton University



Thursday, October 6, 2011, 3pm - 4:30pm

**Great Cities Institute
412 S. Peoria St, 4th FL, CUPPAH 400**

If the “soft city” of myths and imaginations is as real as the “hard city” of demography and statistics, then the historian must dig underneath the surface of images to discover what lies underneath. What did these imaginations express and what did they conceal? The talk concerns the journey undertaken by the historian as an urban archaeologist in writing “Mumbai Fables.”

Gyan Prakash is the Dayton-Stockton Professor of History at Princeton University and specializes in the history of modern India focusing on urban modernity, the colonial genealogies of modernity, and problems of postcolonial thought and politics. His publications include “After Colonialism: Imperial Histories and Postcolonial Displacements,” “The Spaces of the Modern City,” “Mumbai Fables,” “Noir Urbanisms: Dystopic Images of the Modern City,” and a co-edited volume, “Utopia/ Dystopia: Historical Conditions of Possibility.” Lecture sponsored by the UIC Department of History and the Great Cities Institute.

GCI Comparative Urbanisms Lecture Series

“Regionalism in a Time of Turmoil”
Bill Barnes, Director of Emerging Issues
National League of Cities



Monday, October 10, 2011, 3pm - 4:30pm

Great Cities Institute, 412 S. Peoria St, 4th FL, CUPPAH 400

Regionalism is more than form and structures, making nice with neighbors, or the false choice between jurisdictional consolidation and doing nothing. Using the notions of capacity and purpose as the foundation, this presentation will offer a framework of five dimensions that together describe the appropriate regional governance for a time, place, and policy goal. The framework can assist decision-makers and also facilitate research agendas.

Bill Barnes is Director of Emerging Issues at the National League of Cities in Washington, DC. His “Emerging Issues” column, published monthly in Nation’s Cities Weekly, discusses urban issues and topics that affect municipal governments and regions and the people that inhabit them. He earned his Ph.D. from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University.

The Future of Chicago Lecture Series

The UIC Department of Political Science will be hosting several exciting public events this fall. All lectures will take place from 12-12:50pm in UIC lecture Center F6 (LC F6) and will be moderated by Dick Simpson, UIC Professor and Former Chicago Alderman. GCI is a co-sponsor.

October events:

Friday, October 7, 2011

Toni Preckwinkle

Cook County Board President
"Reform of Cook County Government"

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

Joseph M. Ferguson

Inspector General, City of Chicago
"The Future of Corruption in Chicago"

Wednesday, October 19, 2011

James J. Laski, Jr.

Former Chicago City Clerk
"Corruption in Chicago"

Friday, October 28, 2011

Miguel del Valle

Former City Clerk
"Latino Politics in Chicago"

Monday, October 31, 2011

Ed Burke

14th Ward Alderman
"Future of Chicago City Council"

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GCI Special Event in celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the GCI Professional Education Program's Certificate in Nonprofit Management (CNM)

"The Future of Nonprofits in Chicago: Practitioner Perspectives on Networking, Public Policy Advocacy, & Collaboration Across the Sectors"



Panelists

Robert Wordlaw, Executive Director, Chicago Jobs Council
Tom Tresser, Organizer, Educator Activist and Civic Scholar
Jean Pogge, CEO of the Delta Institute
Moderator: Kelly LeRoux, UIC Assistant Professor of Public Administration

Tuesday, November 8, 2011

Panel: 3 - 4:30pm

Reception: 4:30 - 6pm

Student Center East, 750 South Halsted Street, Illinois Room A

This event will expand the scope of public discourse about nonprofits in Chicago to address the broader realm of civic engagement and social change.

[Click here](#) to read an interview with GCI Senior Associate Kate Pravera to learn more about CNM's origins and impact.

Research

GCI's Tom Lyons to present at U.S. Conference on AIDS

GCI Senior Associate Tom Lyons will be presenting at the United States Conference on AIDS, to be held in Chicago on November 10-13, 2011. His topic will be "Relationship-Building Group Interventions for HIV Prevention." For further information about his conference presentation and research, Tom can be contacted by email at thlyons@uic.edu.

GCI and Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce Host Listening Session on the Regional Economy

On September 20, 2011, the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce partnered with the Great Cities Institute to convene a listening session of industry and economic development organization leaders to share their thoughts and ideas on the state of our regional economy. The Chamber is leading a comprehensive effort to examine the fundamentals of the local economy and wants to know how businesses and business associations are experiencing the economic changes taking place regionally.

The insights gleaned from this and other similar listening sessions will inform an action agenda and report that the international Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) is developing. Results of the first round of listening sessions will be incorporated in the OECD report that will be published in March 2012. For more information, contact Peter Creticos of the Institute for Work and the Economy at creticos@workandeconomy.org.