

Building Bridges: Community and University Partnerships in East St. Louis

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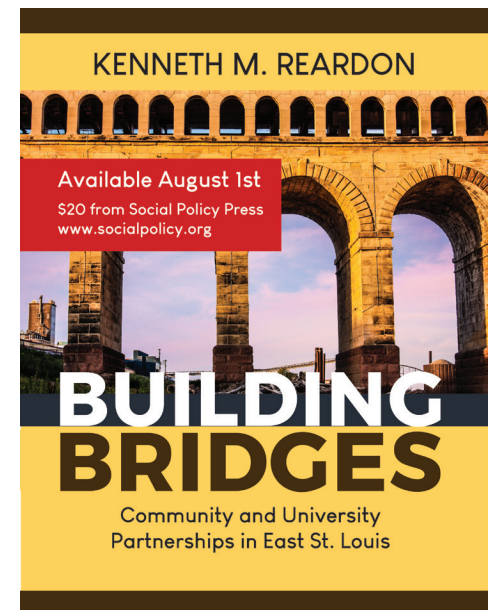


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12:00pm – 1:30pm**

Join us as Professor Kenneth Reardon discusses his new book, *Building Bridges: Community and University Partnerships in East St. Louis*, which tells the 10-year saga of how an inspired group of women activists from East St. Louis established a long-term partnership with students and faculty from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) to revitalize their community.

It is an uplifting story of a small group of women, inspired by the Civil Rights work of Ella Baker, Fannie Lou Hamer, and Katherine Dunham, who organized a highly effective grassroots movement to insure their neighbors and future generations living wage jobs, quality affordable housing, fresh fruits and vegetables, accessible health care and transformative public education. This book will remind you of the wisdom of Margaret Mead's observation, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."



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