Contested Politics of Knowledge in the Public University

Opening Session: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., on campus in Student Community Center

10:15-10:30 Welcome and introductions:

UC Davis Provost Ralph Hexter
Jonathan London, Department of Human Ecology and Center for Regional Change

10:30-11:00 Opening Keynote: Framing Engaged Scholarship and Contested Knowledge

George Lipsitz, UC Santa Barbara; “Mind Over Matter: Campus and Community Knowledge in a Moment of Danger”

Dr. Lipsitz is a national thought leader in social movements, urban culture, and inequality. His essay “Breaking the Chains and Steering the Ship: How Activism Can Help Change Teaching and Scholarship” in the volume Engaging Contradictions was an important inspiration for this symposium. His books include Midnight at the Barrelhouse, The Possessive Investment in Whiteness, and A Life in the Struggle. Lipsitz serves as chairman of the board of directors of the African American Policy Forum and is a member of the board of directors of the National Fair Housing Alliance. He received his Ph.D. in history at the University of Wisconsin.

11:00-12:00 Interactive panel on engaged scholarship (moderated by George Lipsitz)

Jesus Hernandez, UC Davis
Dr. Hernandez’s research connects the current subprime loan crisis to historical processes of mortgage redlining and residential segregation and demonstrates how racialized lending practices reproduce long-standing spatial and social patterns of inequality. He is a frequent speaker at fair housing conferences across the country regarding the effects of predatory subprime lending on communities undergoing crisis. He holds a doctorate from the UC Davis Department of Sociology where he also serves as a lecturer and visiting scholar.

Milton Reynolds, Facing History and Ourselves

Milton Reynolds is a Senior Program Associate with Facing History and Ourselves. He is dedicated to improving dialogue and implementing innovative solutions to address difficult social issues such as race relations and juvenile justice concerns. Milton has a strong interest in understanding how the legacies of our collective history manifest themselves in our present society and specifically, how the past informs our actions and decision making processes and shapes the institutions and practices that structure our society.

Young Shin, Asian Immigrant Women Advocates

For more than three decades, Young Shin has worked to promote the socioeconomic status and the political participation of low-income, limited-English speaking immigrant women and other disenfranchised members of the community. In 1983, she co-founded the Asian Immigrant Women Advocates (AIWA), whose mission is to empower immigrant women through education, leadership development, and collective action.

12:00-1:00 Lunch Buffet
The Provost’s Forums on the Public University and the Social Good

1:00-2:00 Framing Keynote: Putting Engaged Scholarship into Practice

**Kenneth Reardon**, University of Memphis; “Restoring the Democratic Promise of the American Higher Education through the Scholarship of Engagement: Lessons from East St. Louis, New Orleans, and Memphis”

Dr. Reardon currently serves as Professor and Director of the Graduate Division in City and Regional Planning at the University of Memphis where he is engaged in research, teaching and extension activities in the areas of neighborhood planning, community development, municipal government reform, and community/university development partnerships. Ken also co-directs, with Professor Katherine Lambert-Pennington, three resident-led planning efforts in the South Memphis and Vance Avenue neighborhoods of Memphis and in the nearby City of Brownsville, Tennessee.

2:00-3:00 Thematic break out workshops with faculty, students, and community partners. Held in Meeting Rooms A and B, respectively.

Dr. Reardon will lead an interactive session, “The Thrills, Spills, and Chills of Community/University Engagement: What Your Faculty Advisor Failed to Tell You about Community-Based Research Before You Left Her Office!”

Screening and discussion with film-makers of “Uneasy Remains.” The Uneasy Remains Film Project is a collaborative documentary media project that hopes to facilitate a dialogue between University agencies, Native American Students, and tribal communities on the issues of NAGPRA and human remains stored on UC campuses.

3:00-5:00 Break

Closing Session: 5 to 7 p.m., off campus in Odd Fellows Hall, 415 2nd Street

5:15-5:25 Welcome and introduction:

UC Davis Chancellor **Linda Katehi**

5:25-6:30 Closing Keynote

**Nancy Cantor**, Chancellor and President, Syracuse University; “The Modern University: Engagement Outside, Contests Inside”

As Chancellor and President of Syracuse University, Nancy Cantor is helping forge a new understanding of the role of universities in society as SU pursues its vision, Scholarship in Action. This entails a view of the university not as a traditional “ivory tower,” but as a public good, an anchor institution that collaborates with partners from all sectors of the economy to more effectively serve the needs of society. In her role as a social psychologist, Chancellor Cantor is recognized for her scholarly contributions to the understanding of how individuals perceive and think about their social worlds, pursue personal goals, and how they regulate their behavior to adapt to life’s most challenging social environments. Prior to her appointment at Syracuse, Chancellor Cantor served as chancellor of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; provost and executive vice president for academic affairs at the University of Michigan, prior to which she had been dean of its Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies and vice provost for academic affairs; she also was professor of psychology and senior research scientist at the Institute for Social Research at Michigan. Previously, she had been chair of the department of psychology at Princeton University.

6:30-7:00 Light Reception

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