

**The Haas Institute for a Fair and Inclusive Society:**

- The Haas Institute published [a report on the Impact of Hurricane Sandy](#) on marginalized populations on the eastern seaboard. This report illustrates the damage to public housing and the need for an inclusive approach to disaster planning and relief.
- Assistant Director Stephen Menendian examined [racialized rhetoric and imagery](#) in the wake of the 2012 Presidential election in an article on Race-Talk.org.
- In December, Director John Powell spoke on closing the racial wealth gap at a summit in Miami, FL hosted by The Insight Center for Community Economic Development.
- At the Governing for Racial Equity conference in Seattle, WA in December, Director John Powell moderated a session on communicating about race and another session on the imperative for elected officials to focus on racial equity.
- The Haas Institute hired [Elsadig Elsheikh](#) as a researcher and external relations specialist. Elsadig is helping plan the Institute's upcoming convenings for the Haas network.
- In December, Institute researcher Elsadig Elsheikh spoke and taught two workshops to 15 human rights leaders from around the world on historical dialogue, accountability and communication, and conflict theories at the Institute for the Study of Human Rights at Columbia University.
- In January, Associate Director Michael Omi gave two talks at the University of Texas at Austin. He spoke both on racial formation theory and how Asian Americans are politically situated with respect to racial issues including the *Fisher v. University of Texas* case.
- Assistant Director Stephen Menendian examined the issue of the [home mortgage interest deduction](#) as a policy lever for promoting homeownership in the context of the so-called "fiscal cliff" negotiations at the end of December for Race-Talk.org.
- Director John Powell discussed philanthropy for racial equity at meetings hosted by the Funders Network in Miami Beach, FL in December and in Boston, MA in January.
- The Director, John Powell, wrote about the [decline of the Southern Strategy](#) in national elections and discussed the possible alternatives, and the need for both major political parties to reach out to all Americans for the Berkeley Blog and the Haas Institute blog.
- The Haas Institute proudly announced the first Summer Internship Program for 2013. The Institute is soliciting applications from undergraduates, graduate and professional students from anywhere in

the world who are interested in joining the summer program. Interns will work on a wide range of projects relating to marginalized groups and social cleavages including race, LGBTQ, disability, religion, socio-economic disparities, and the new and emerging research on the global north/global south relations.

- [Gara LaMarche](#) has joined the Haas Institute as the first Visiting Scholar for the Spring 2013 semester. He is a Senior Fellow at New York University's Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service.
- Renowned Economist [Hilary Hoynes](#) has been selected as the Haas Diversity Chair for Economic Disparities. She will join the faculty July 1, 2013. Her current projects include evaluating the impact of the Great Recession across demographic groups, examining the impact of the Earned Income Tax Credit on infant health, and estimating impacts of U.S. food and nutrition programs on labor supply, health and human capital accumulation.
- Executive Director John Powell published "Constitutionalism and the Extreme Poor: Neo-Dred Scott and the Contemporary 'Discrete and Insular Minorities'" for the Drake Law Review. A copy can be found [here](#).