

HAAS INSTITUTE FOR A FAIR AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY
MAY AND JUNE, 2013 ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

The Haas Institute for a Fair and Inclusive Society:

- Aida Ashouri, the Haas Institute Coblenz fellow published a report that examined the state-by-state waivers to No Child Left Behind, analyzing similarities difference, and their potential for improving student performance and reducing the achievement gap. Download the report [here](#). Read more [here](#).
- Haas Institute Director John Powell conducted workshops on structural racialization at the Barr Foundation and Hyams Foundation from May 8 to May 10 in Boston, Massachusetts. The workshop was a time of open dialogue and healing after the Boston Marathon bombing.
- HIFIS senior leadership, John Powell and Michael Omi, attended the 2013 University of California Center for New Racial Studies Annual Conference on May 3 at the University of California, Irvine. John Powell gave the events' keynote speech which touched on recent racist incidents, as well as more universal issues of othering.
- The Haas Institute presented at the Northeast Regional Racial Justice Funders Lab hosted by the Philanthropic Initiative for Racial Equity from May 23 to May 24 in New York City.
- Haas Institute Assistant Director Stephen Menendian [authored a blog](#) the Voting Rights Act case, *Shelby v. Holder*, currently under review by the Supreme Court this term.
- In late May, HIFIS held their annual retreat with focus on communications, staffing, branding, summer research projects and planning for upcoming fall events. Stay tuned for updates.
- In conjunction with staff from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Director John Powell held a training for high level Wells Fargo bank executives on lending practices in communities of color.
- Late June was a landmark week of rulings by the Supreme Court on voting rights, gay marriage and affirmative action. The Haas Institute wrote several timely and thought-provoking blogs. Read them [here](#).
- Director John Powell facilitated a daylong seminar on developing definitions & indicators of inclusive communities of opportunity at the Center for Community and Economic Opportunity.
- Annie E. Casey Foundation on June 7 in Baltimore, Maryland. This seminar was the second of three in the series on strategic philanthropy. The third seminar will be held in Atlanta, Georgia in the fall.

- Director John Powell participated as a panelist on the Center for American Progress panel on Race, Public Policy & Targeted Universalism on June 12 in Washington, D.C. The panel dealt with poverty through the belongingness lens and priorities and policy solutions for boys and men of color.
- Haas Institute's Assistant Director Stephen Menendian was a panelist at The Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights day-long symposium in Washington, D.C. on June 19, 2013. (<http://www.towardjusticecampaign.org/symposium>). The symposium, held at Georgetown Law Center, was entitled "Racial Justice in the New America." The purpose of the symposium was not only to celebrate the Lawyers' Committee 50th Anniversary but to discuss how legal approaches can work together with other methods to combat entrenched racial inequality. Menendian discussed innovative approaches to civil and human rights beyond the traditional litigation model. He stressed the importance of continuing to see courts as agents of change, innovative and proactive legal strategies, and drawing upon social science and other experts. View the presentation slides [here](#).
- Staff from the Haas Institute joined together with the Division of Equity and Inclusion in a celebration to honor Chancellor and Mary Catherine Birgeneau's legacy and the programs they created while at Cal Berkeley—one being the Division of Equity and Inclusion, and thus, the Haas Institute.
- Director John Powell received a special invitation to present at The National Public Education Support Fund's "Brain Trust" meeting. The meeting was designed to discuss and develop a policy agenda that would support a new frame for education reform in the U.S. Powell's presentation helped stimulate ongoing national dialogue about the role of education policy in creating the conditions for improving student learning and outcomes in the U.S.