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

The Haas Institute for a Fair and Inclusive Society:

- On October 1st, Director john a. powell spoke at the Pacific Science Center, which is hosting the exhibit <u>RACE: Are We So Different?</u> Seattle Times article, "<u>Expert on race: Be open to</u> <u>change</u>," written by Jerry Large, highlights powell's ideas during the talk, and his arguments around race and the role of the mind and institutional practices in racism.
- On October 3, 2013, Professor of Law Rachel Godsil from Seton Hall, wrote an article titled "<u>Are any white people poor?</u>" In this article, Godsil discusses the stereotype that most poor people are Black or Latino.
- Rachel Godsil, Professor of Law at Seton Hall, recently published an article titled "<u>Race Talk and</u> <u>the Government Shut Down</u>." Godsil discusses the potential role of racial anxiety in the government shutdown and the continued opposition to a deal.
- On October 9th, the Haas Institute co-sponsored a lecture titled "The Egyptian Crisis: A personal account and report back from Egypt," featuring Shimaa Helmy. Shimaa Helmy is an Egyptian journalist and human rights advocate from Cairo, Egypt. In her talk, Helmy gave a first-hand account of the unfolding crisis in Egypt and the state of human rights and media activists, offering insight on what is next for Egypt.
- On October 15th, the Haas Institute co-sponsored a forum titled "15% and Growing: The Political and Civic Engagement of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in California," with the National Asian American Survey (supported by the James Irvine Foundation and Carnegie Corporation of New York), the UC AAPI Policy Multicampus Research Program, and the Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies Program. The forum featured Taeku Lee, Professor of Political Science and Law at UC Berkeley; Karthick Ramakrishnan, Associate Professor of Political Science at UC Riverside; and Lisa Garcia Bedolla, Professor of Education and Chair of the Center for Latino Policy Research at UC Berkeley.
- On October 16th, Director john a. powell spoke at a panel titled "Economics and Theology" at the Union Theological Seminary, co-hosted by the Institute of New Economic Thinking. The panel discussed race and economy, and featured powell along with Union Theological Seminary President Serene Jones, and Institute for New Economic Thinking (INET) President Robert Johnson.
- Director john a. powell was featured in an article titled "Inside the conservative brain: Tea

Partyers are afraid," written by Lynn Stuart Parramore.

- On October 17th, Professor Russell Robinson, Distinguished Haas Chair in LGBT Equity and Chair of the <u>LGBTQ Citizenship research cluster</u>, delivered a lecture titled "Dynamics of Race, Gender, and Sexuality in Constitutional Law." The lecture was a part of the Social Justice Thursday Series at the <u>Thelton E. Henderson Center for Social Justice</u>.
- Professor Imani Perry from Princeton University delivered a lecture titled "Interest, Intention, and Attention: Gender Liberatory Analysis and Practice in the 21st Century." The presentation invited everyone to think about how we push past some of the limitations of contemporary feminist discourses. The lecture was co-hosted by several campus organizations, including the Haas Institute.
- On October 19th, Director john a. powell spoke on a panel at the 24th Annual Bioneers Conference at the Marin Center in San Rafael, California. The panel, "Beloved Community: An Invitation," was an emergent conversation about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s powerful vision of 'beloved community,' in which all people share in the wealth of the Earth, and where love and trust triumph over fear and hatred. The panel included Connie Cagampang Heller (co-founder of Linked Fate Fund for Justice and consultant to the Haas Institute), Joseph Phelan (founder and coprinciple of <u>WeAreNotTrayvonMartin.com</u>), and Catherine Lerza (philanthropic advisor, organizer, and consultant to Groundswell Fund).
- Director john a. powell was featured as a part of the Bioneers Radio Series: "<u>The Bioneers:</u> <u>Revolution From the Heart of Nature.</u>"
- On October 21st, Global Justice Program Manager, Elsadig Elsheikh was a guest speaker at the Autonomus University of Barcelona, Spain to deliver two online lectures. The lectures were on "Structural Food System Crisis" and "Specter of Islam: Othering and Misrepresentation."
- On October 25th, the Haas Institute co-sponsored a conference titled "From Coalitions to Comparativism: Practicing Chicana/Latina Studies and Asian/American Studies Now," with several campus organizations.
- On October 26th, Director powell and Associate Eli Moore gave a workshop on analyzing and transforming racial structures to over 100 community leaders and organizers from around the SF Bay Area. The workshop was hosted by the seven PICO-affiliated community-based organizations in the Bay Area as part of a strategic capacity-building process and ongoing partnership with the Haas Institute.
- The Haas Institute announced <u>two open positions</u> and posted them on the Berkeley Jobs website. The Communications Specialist 3 and Program Assistant positions are key hires that will allow the Institute to further strengthen its commitment to communicating across cleavages and reaching out from academia into the community.
- On October 28th, Director john a. powell spoke at Stanford University for the Department of Psychology's Social Lab series. Addressing an audience of graduate psychology students and

professors, powell's presentation covered his arguments around race and the role of the unconscious mind and institutional practice in racism, and ways to overcome disparities through the intervention of targeted universalism.

- On October 30th, The Haas Institute and the Warren Institute filed an amicus (friend-of-thecourt) brief in the U.S. Supreme Court case of *Mount Holly v. Mount Holly Gardens Citizens in Action, Inc.* Download the brief on our <u>website.</u>
- On October 30th The Haas Institute co-sponsored the workshop, "Going Beyond Good Faith" with UC Berkeley's <u>Multicultural Education Program</u> and the Bay Area Inclusion Roundtable.
 Director john a. powell gave the keynote address entitled, "Unconscious Bias and the Role it Plays in Talent Acquisition."