

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2014

NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHT



NOVEMBER 5

A History of Race and Power

BERKELEY, CALIF.

“Race is a little bit like gravity,” were the opening remarks Haas Institute Director John A. Powell made at an [evening dialogue on Nov. 5](#) produced by KPFA Berkeley and Marcus Books of Oakland. “Race is incredibly complicated and even the experts struggle with it. We’re all affected by it, but we don’t fully understand it.” John spoke to a crowd of about 175 who gathered in Berkeley for a community conversation centered around implicit bias in policing, racial anxiety, and the historical precedents leading to Ferguson, Mo. [Read more about John’s KPFA talk.](#)

OCTOBER 8 - NOVEMBER 15

Art Exhibition at Gallery Paule Anglim

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

Katherine Sherwood, cluster co-leader of the Haas Institute’s [Disability Studies Cluster](#) and UC Berkeley professor of art, had a [solo art exhibition](#) in San Francisco that explored and elaborated on the “stereotype of the disrobed reclining female” that has been employed by many famed male artists. Prof. Sherwood’s pieces allowed others onto this stage, as she addresses this possibility: “Consider that the figure ‘at rest,’ pensive [like a Greek philosopher], is disabled. One wears a brace, one is an amputee, and one has a cane. I am appropriating images of women as objects of

desire in order to criticize the canon within the context of disability.” [Find out more about Prof. Sherwood’s show.](#)

NOVEMBER 6-8

Global Blackness Conference

DUKE UNIVERSITY

Elsadig Elsheikh, director of the Haas Institute’s Global Justice Program, was an invited lecturer at the Global Blackness Conference at Duke University on Nov. 6-8. The conference examined historical and contemporary concepts of “blackness,” comparing its emergence and significance across national boundaries.

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NOVEMBER 9

“Unemployment is down: Why aren’t Americans buying the good news?”

THE NEW YORKER

Economics Professor Jesse Rothstein was interviewed in a [New Yorker article](#) entitled “Unemployment is down: Why aren’t Americans buying the good news?” Despite the recent reports of a lower unemployment rate since Oct. 13, Americans are still skeptical of whether the economy is actually doing any better. Prof. Rothstein of the Haas Institute’s [Economic Disparities Cluster](#) discusses how this rate may not be the best measure of the strength of our economy, and we must look at other indicators, like the labor-force participation rate and wage trends.

NOVEMBER 10

“Oakland Building New Housing, But For Whom?”

KQED

Stephen Menendian, assistant director of the Haas Institute, spoke with KQED News about who will benefit from the Bay Area’s economic boom. In [“Oakland Building New Housing, But For Whom?”](#) Stephen was quoted as saying he would like to see a more comprehensive regional approach, like improved transportation and better cooperation between Bay Area cities. “Affordable housing is a good tool but building units now, with the boom already here, is unlikely to prevent or ameliorate the gentrification that is happening now.” [Read the article.](#)

NOVEMBER 10

“Bitter history tempers hope in ending decline in Detroit”

FINANCIAL TIMES

London’s Financial Times highlighted the family of Haas Institute Director John A. Powell to tell the story of Detroit, inequality, bankruptcy, and the proposed restructuring plan. The narrative references the families migration from the Jim Crow South the segregated Detroit, the decline of the city to the point in which trash was no longer collected, and the recent relocation of Black residents to suburbs while a few downtown blocks see “revitalization.” Read [“Bitter history tempers hope in ending decline in Detroit.”](#)

NOVEMBER 11

From Freedom Summer to Ferguson: Why we need a new culture of belonging

LOUISVILLE, KY.

Haas Institute Director John A. Powell gave the 2014 Anne Braden Memorial Lecture entitled [“From Freedom Summer to Ferguson: Why we need a new culture of belonging”](#) in Louisville, Ky. Presenting to a standing-room audience of over 300 people, John’s topic touched on the three modes of being in society—economic, political, and ontological—and the urgent need to create a culture of belonging and inclusivity, especially in light of the events in Ferguson, Mo. and the changing demographics of Kentucky as a whole. [Read the slides for his presentation.](#)

NOVEMBER 12

Modernist Eugenics and Post-Modernist Poetics

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

Associate Dean in the Division of Arts and Humanities and English Professor Susan Schweik gave a talk at the University of Alberta in Canada on Nov. 12. Assoc. Dean Schweik, who is a [Disability Studies Cluster Co-Leader](#), discussed John Weiners’ poem “Children of the Working Class” in the context of early poetry and its perpetuation of eugenics in her lecture entitled [“Modernist Eugenics and Post-Modern Poetics.”](#)

NOVEMBER 13

Children at the Border, Children at the Margins

UC BERKELEY

[“Children at the Border, Children at the Margins: Health, Responsibility, and Immigration”](#) is part of a series focusing on immigration issues impacting children. Seth M. Holmes, professor of public health and medical anthropology and member of the Haas Institute’s [Diversity and Health Disparities Faculty Cluster](#), Lariza Dugan-Cuadra, executive director of the Carecen Central American Resource Center; Rubén Martínez, journalist and author of Crossing Over; film producer Casey Peek; and Adrienne Pine, professor of Anthropology at American University, all participated in the panel. Patricia

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NOVEMBER 13

The Science of Equality, Volume 1: Addressing Implicit Bias, Racial Anxiety, and Stereotype Threat in Education and Health Care

HAAS INSTITUTE

A [new report](#) just released addresses the great American racial conundrum: the vast majority of Americans believe racism is wrong, yet evidence showing that race often determines how people are treated is overwhelming. The report, published by the [Perception Institute](#) in partnership with the [Haas Institute](#) and the [Center for Policing Equity](#), explains how implicit bias, racial anxiety, and stereotype threat are all phenomena that are key to understanding why people who hold egalitarian views still act differently towards others based on their race or ethnicity. The report details cutting-edge research on effective interventions that can greatly improve health care and education outcomes. “We carry around all this baggage in the form of stereotypes and biases against people who aren’t like us,” said Alexis McGill Johnson, Executive Director of [Perception Institute](#). “Discrimination is real, but racial difference does not have to end in tragedy. There is hope: with awareness, with practice, with checks and balances, we can learn how to reduce bias and treat people equally.” Haas Institute Director John Powell co-authored the report. [Download the Science of Equality, Vol. 1.](#)

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Baquendano-López, chair of the Center for Latino Policy Research and professor of Education, moderated the event that also featured opening remarks from Stefano Bertozzi, dean of the School of Public Health.

NOVEMBER 13-14

Facing Race Conference

DALLAS, TEXAS

At the 2014 Facing Race Conference, hosted in Dallas, Texas, Haas Institute Director John A. Powell gave a lecture with Jodeen Olguín-Taylor titled “How Big Money Politics Holds Back Racial Justice” on Nov. 14. The national conference was organized by [Race Forward: The Center for Racial Justice Innovation](#), which researches racial justice in order to move our society toward equality. At the conference, attendees were encouraged to attend some of the over 60 workshops offered on immigration, healthcare, legal rights, education, and more.

NOVEMBER 15

“Can Detroit recover?”

THE ECONOMIST

As Detroit bankruptcy proceedings come to a close, the work to change the underlying structural issues remains. The Economist focused on mismanagement and population shrinkage in the past two decades and the restructuring plan to recover from municipal despair. The recovery plan’s greatest flaw, according to Haas Institute Director and Detroit native John A. Powell, is that the plan does not address the glaring racial divide in the city. [Read “Can Detroit recover?: Chapter 9 draws to an end.”](#)

NOVEMBER 17

“Latino? Hispanic?” The historic struggle to name Latin Americans in the U.S.A.”

KALW PUBLIC RADIO

G. Christina Mora, a UC Berkeley sociology professor and member of the Haas Institute’s [Diversity and Democracy Cluster](#), discussed the intersec-

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tion of identity and rhetoric with Hana Baba of KALW Public Radio. Prof. Mora specifically focused on Spanish speakers in the United States in the interview titled "[‘Latino?’ ‘Hispanic?’ The historic struggle to name Latin Americans in the U.S.A.](#)"

NOVEMBER 19

Faculty Profile: Seth Holmes

HAAS INSTITUTE

In our Haas Institute Faculty Profile Series, Prof. Seth Holmes of the UC Berkeley School of Public Health and the Graduate Program of Medical Anthropology discusses how trade agreements, racism, and anti-immigrant hierarchies have radically altered the lives and health of the laborers whose work supports the very basis of America's food system. Prof. Holmes is a member of both Haas Institute's [Diversity and Health Disparities](#) and [LGBTQ Citizenship](#) Clusters. [Read Fellow Sara Grossman's interview with him.](#)

NOVEMBER 25

Response to Ferguson

HAAS INSTITUTE

After the historic decision by the grand jury in St. Louis County to acquit Missouri former police officer Darren Wilson for shooting and killing unarmed teenager Michael Brown, Haas Institute Director John A. Powell published a [response](#) to the Ferguson shooting. Powell explains the implications of not indicting Wilson on a national and international scale and what it means for the future of moving toward a fair and inclusive society. [Read the letter.](#)

NOVEMBER 28

"College is worth the investment but not a guarantee of a good job"

SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

Public Policy Prof. Robert Reich, member of the Haas Institute's [Economic Disparities Faculty Cluster](#), published an [op-ed](#) in the San Francisco Chronicle. "College is worth the investment but not a guarantee of a good job" discusses the ongoing challenges faced by workers with and without college degrees. Those with degrees generally earn more than those without, yet structural

changes in the global economy have outsourced many jobs, reducing the demand for a well-educated workforce. [Read the article.](#)

DECEMBER 2

Making Health Equity Work

LEADERSHIP FOR HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

Stephen Menendian, assistant director of the Haas Institute, was a panelist on a webinar about using targeted universalism as an effective strategy for reducing health disparities. The webinar, organized by [Leadership for Healthy Communities](#), focused on how to design and implement far-reaching policies that also target populations disproportionately affected by poor health. Read the slides of the webinar, "[Making Health Equity Work: How to Implement Targeted Universalism Policies.](#)"

DECEMBER 5

Exploring Law, Disability and the Challenge of Equality in Canada and the United States

BERKELEY LAW

The Haas Institute's [Disability Studies](#) and [Diversity and Democracy](#) Clusters co-hosted a conference on Law and Disabilities at Berkeley Law. The event, titled "Exploring Law, Disability and the Challenge of Equality in Canada and the United States" brought together scholars and law experts to discuss different aspects of disability law in both countries, as well as the social aspects of living with disabilities.

DECEMBER 6

Mapping the Cost of a Balanced Diet, as a Function of Travel Time and Food Price

JOURNAL OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD SYSTEMS, AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Haas Institute researcher Wendy Ake co-authored a paper on food mapping and an alternative classification to "food deserts" for the [Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development](#). The paper was titled "[Mapping the Cost of a Balanced Diet, as a Function of Travel Time and Food Price.](#)"

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