

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

OCTOBER 2014

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHT



OCTOBER 30

Anchor Richmond: Community Opportunities

RICHMOND, CALIF.

The Haas Institute released the [Anchor Richmond: Community Opportunities and Anchor Strategies for the Berkeley Global Campus at Richmond Bay](#) report, written by Eli Moore, Nadia Barhoum and Alexis Alvarez Franco. The report details the impact of the Berkeley Global Campus and how its presence can be beneficial to the Richmond community. Chancellor Nicholas Dirks spoke at the [press conference](#) releasing the report on Oct. 30. [Read Nadia's blog](#) on how the report impacted her life and the Richmond community as a whole. [Download a PDF of the report.](#)

OCTOBER 1

Racial Formation in the United States

Q&A

Michael Omi, Associate Director of the Haas Institute and member of the [Diversity & Democracy Cluster](#), is perhaps best known for [Racial Formation in the United States](#), a book he co-authored with Howard Winant. First published in 1986, the text is now considered a classic on race and ethnicity literature. In a [recent interview](#) with Associate Professor of Comparative Ethnic Studies Omi, he discusses their "radically revised" third edition—just published this summer—providing context on how scholarship around race has evolved since they first wrote their book. [Read the interview.](#)

OCTOBER 2-3

Racial Justice Summit

YWCA MADISON, WIS.

The YWCA Madison hosted its 13th annual [Racial Justice Summit](#) in Madison, Wis. on Oct. 2-3. Haas Institute staff members were invited as presenters: Director John A. Powell was the keynote speaker and Julie Nelson, Director of the Haas Institute's [Government Alliance on Race and Equity](#), spoke during the closing plenary. [Read about the two-day convening.](#)

OCTOBER 4

California Eastern District Conference

TENAYA LODGE, CALIF.

Sponsored by the Eastern District of California's Planning Committee, a three-day conference

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was held at the Tenaya Lodge in Fish Camp, Calif. Director John A. Powell spoke during the Plenary Session at the event that hosted justices and attorneys. The annual conference celebrated the 50th anniversary of the passage of the Civil Rights Act.

OCTOBER 8

Voter Suppression

UC BERKELEY

On Oct. 8, Berkeley Law Professor Bertrall Ross moderated a [panel discussion](#) at UC Berkeley focused on voter suppression and potential remedies. Professor Ross is a member of Haas Institute [Diversity and Democracy Cluster](#).

OCTOBER 8

Unequal Protection

SYMPOSIUM ON UNCONSTITUTIONAL ANIMUS

In an [online symposium](#), Russell Robinson, Berkeley Law professor and Chair of the Haas Institute's [LGBTQ Citizenship Cluster](#), discusses the Supreme Court's expansion of rights for some, while contracting those rights for others. "While equality is expanding for LGBT people, it is evaporating for people of color," writes Prof. Robinson in this series which calls on constitutional law scholars and teachers to think critically about the Supreme Court's equal protection distinctions and consider whether the doctrine itself may perpetuate inequality. Prof. Robinson's expands on this perspective in his [upcoming paper](#) for the Stanford Law Review.

OCTOBER 8

Katherine Sherwood's Art Exhibition

GALLERY PAULE ANGLIM, SAN FRANCISCO

Katherine Sherwood, Co-Leader of the Haas Institute's [Disability Studies Cluster](#) and UC Berkeley Professor of Art, currently has a [solo art exhibition](#) in San Francisco that explores and elaborates on the "stereotype of the disrobed reclining female" that has been employed by many famed male artists. Prof. Sherwood's art pieces allow 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." Prof. Sherwood has been the

recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship Award and her works are in the collections of the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco and SFMOMA, among others. [Find out more about Prof. Sherwood's show.](#)

OCTOBER 9

Income and Wealth Inequality: Evidence and Policy Implications

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Neubauer Collegium for Culture and Science invited Economics Professor Emmanuel Saez to speak on wealth and income inequality in the United States. Prof. Saez, a member of the Haas Institute's [Economic Disparity Cluster](#), discussed how technology, government policies, tax policies and globalization play a role in this inequality.

OCTOBER 9

IZA/IFAU Conference on Labor Market Policy Evaluation

UPPSALA, SWEDEN

Cluster Chair of the Haas Institute's [Economic Disparities Cluster](#) and Public Policy and Economics Professor Hilary Hoynes gave a keynote lecture named "The Rise of the In-Work Safety Net: Implications for Families in Strong and Weak Labor Markets." The [Institute for the Study of Labor](#) (IZA) and the [Institute for the Evaluation of Labour Market and Education Policy](#) (IFAU) sponsored this event on international welfare and policy, which featured speakers hailing from all over the world.

OCTOBER 11

Another Take on FSM: Challenges to Free Speech in a Polarized Era

UC BERKELEY

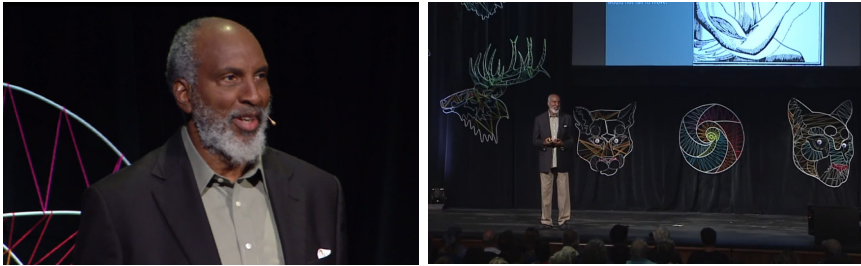
Dean of the [Goldman School of Public Policy](#) Henry E. Brady was a speaker on this panel hosted by the Goldman School. Dean Brady is the Cluster Leader of the Haas Institute's [Religious Diversity Cluster](#) and a member of the [Economic Disparities Cluster](#). The panelists discussed how free speech and civility plays out at UC Berkeley as a part of the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Free Speech Movement. [Watch a video of the panel.](#)

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Above: Director John A. Powell gives his “Beloved Community: Interbeing, Race, Class and Person ‘Hood’” speech at the Bioneers Summit Conference on Oct. 19, the first of his two lectures for the event hosted by Bioneers.

OCTOBER 19

Bioneers Summit Conference

SAN RAFAEL, CALIF.

Haas Institute Director John A. Powell spoke to a crowd of over 1,500 this past weekend at the [Bioneers Summit Conference](#). Kenny Ausubel, co-founder and CEO of [Bioneers](#), wrote to us after John’s talk: “John is a living light in the Bioneers community. His keynote at the Bioneers 25th Anniversary conference uniquely brought together the dimensions of class, race, identity, psychology, nature, law, and history as few do, or could do. John provides a compass of the heart and a map of the territory that invite and guide us to become our highest self as a species and an individual.” John’s Bioneers [talk](#) centered on the fear of the “Other”—a fear magnified by unstable contracting economies, radically shifting demographics, and new social norms. John posed the question “How can we structure society to acknowledge our deep connection?” [John’s presentation](#) can be found on our website.

OCTOBER 15

The Making of Ferguson

THE AMERICAN PROSPECT

Richard Rothstein’s article [The Making of Ferguson](#) in The American Prospect examines public policy as the cause and potential solution to the systemic discrimination at the roots of the crisis in Ferguson, Mo. Rothstein is a Senior Fellow at the [Chief Justice Earl Warren Institute on Law and Social Policy](#) at the UC Berkeley School of Law and Research and a research associate at the [Economic Policy Institute](#).

OCTOBER 15

Rodolfo Debenedetti Lecture

MILAN, ITALY

The Fondazione Rodolfo Debenedetti invited Haas Institute’s [Economic Disparities Cluster Chair](#) and Public Policy and Economics Professor

Hilary Hoynes to give the [9th Rodolfo Debenedetti Lecture](#) at the Università Bocconi in Milan. Prof. Hoynes discussed the social safety net and poverty in her examination of the impact of low incomes on a society.

OCTOBER 16-17

The New Prosperity Law: Expanding Opportunity and Reducing Inequality 50 Years After the War on Poverty

UC BERKELEY

A recent symposium hosted by the Berkeley Law School’s [Thelton E. Henderson Center for Social Justice](#) examined lessons relating to the 50-year anniversaries of the Civil Rights Act, War on Poverty and the Free Speech Movement, including a workshop with Law Professor Bertrall Ross, a member of the Haas Institute’s [Diversity and Democracy Cluster](#). The symposium also gave

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toolkits to students who are passionate about ending inequality and expanding opportunity in the next 50 years. [Read about the symposium.](#)

OCTOBER 20

Politics of the Developing World: Global Food System Crises and Opportunities

THE AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY OF BARCELONA

[Elsadig Elsheikh](#), director of the Haas Institute's Global Justice Program, led a webinar "Politics of the Developing World: Global Food System Crises & Opportunities" at the [Autonomous University of Barcelona](#) on Oct. 20. The course materials, including Elsadig's presentation "Can Africa Survive the Food Crisis?" can be viewed and downloaded [here](#).

OCTOBER 20

My Beloved World

SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY

UC Berkeley Law Professor and Haas Institute [LG-BTO Citizenship Cluster](#) member Melissa Murray had an on-stage conversation with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor. Murray, who clerked for Justice Sotomayor on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit, interviewed Justice Sotomayor about her personal life in her new autobiography, "[My Beloved World](#)."

OCTOBER 20

Exploding Wealth Inequality in the United States

WASHINGTON CENTER FOR EQUITABLE GROWTH

On Oct. 20, Economics Professor Emmanuel Saez and Gabriel Zucman released a [brief](#) explaining how income inequality has grown and changed over the past century and how it affects Americans. Prof. Saez, who is a member of the Haas Institute's [Economic Disparities Cluster](#), and Zucman offer solutions to the problem of wealth inequality in this report. [Download the brief.](#)

OCTOBER 22

Racial Formation in the United States

NATIONAL

Haas Institute Associate Director Michael Omi's third edition of *Racial Formation in the United States*, considered a landmark work on how race

informs policies and identities and how race has changed and adapted throughout history, was the top [2014 Bestseller in Sociology Books](#).

OCTOBER 28

Child Poverty and the Great Recession in the United States

UNICEF

In late October, [UNICEF](#) released a report co-authored by Economics and Public Policy Professor Hilary Hoynes with Marianne Bitler of UC Irvine and Elira Kuka of UC Davis. Prof. Hoynes, the cluster chair of the Haas Institute's [Economic Disparities Cluster](#), examined the effects of the recent Great Recession on lower income families and child poverty. [Download the report.](#)

OCT. 30-NOV. 2

Mind and Life International Symposium for Contemplative Studies

MIND & LIFE INSTITUTE, BOSTON

Haas Institute Director John A. Powell gave a speech entitled "[A Tale of Two Movements: Why Contemplative and Transformative Education Need Each Other](#)" at the [Mind & Life Institute's](#) 2014 symposium. Powell discussed strategies to foster a socially transformative educational system and answered questions during an interview and audience Q&A session led by Grace Bullock, a senior researcher at the Mind & Life Institute. Powell's keynote kicked off three days of presentations and sessions that endeavored to bring together social justice activists and academics to further human understanding and awareness of contemplative practice. [Read Sara Grossman's article on the event.](#)

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