CALL FOR PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS, PANELS & PERFORMANCES

College of Arts and Sciences Colloquium

**"Thinking about Community"**

Thursday, October 1, 2015

*The Colloquium Steering Committee:*

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1. Proposals are due to the Colloquium Steering Committee (c/o [llafond@siue.edu](mailto:llafond@siue.edu)) **by Friday, August 28, 2015**. The *CAS Colloquium Proposal Form* is now available at <http://www.siue.edu/artsandsciences/CAScolloquia.html>

2. We also invite colloquium participants to submit their completed work to *Polymath*, CAS’ on-line journal, for peer-review and possible publication.

3. We are again encouraging panels and other organized groupings of presentations/performances from all disciplines.  We are particularly interested in any presentations on issues arising from the community of **Ferguson, MO**, since our Colloquium will also be taking part during the **2015 Greater St. Louis Humanities** **Festival**, whose theme is **"Community Viability and Vitality,"** and is featuring a broad discussion about the intersections of race and community in the US.

4. We are very interested in also encouraging student participation, both as audience members and as presenters. If you are planning to bring a class to the Colloquium, please let us know what your students will be attending so we can plan accordingly.

5. We encourage participants to think about “communities” from their own disciplinary perspective as well as from interdisciplinary perspectives. A number of ideas have been proposed so far. We include them below, not to limit your creativity in any way, but rather to suggest the wide range of possible topics we envision.

• Representations of community in music or dance

• Political & social change affecting communities

• Communities of thought

• The spread of communities

• The financial health of communities

• The sustainability of natural resources supplying communities

• Community service projects

• Organization of communities

• Issues related to social welfare and support within communities

• Speech communities and their diffusion

• Virtual communities

• Movements affecting communities

• Communication within and/or threats to communities

...and many more possibilities.