



## **Madness, Citizenship and Social Justice Digest**

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Greetings to all, with two items of good news about next May's *Madness, Citizenship and Social Justice* conference.

First, thanks in main part to the inspired efforts of conference co-convenor Trish Graham and our webmaster Eryn Holbrook, the temporary conference website is now available online at <http://www.sfu.ca/humanities-institute/madcitizenship-conference.htm>. The site currently includes a general description of the event, a downloadable Call for Papers with instructions for paper and session submissions, and an archive of listserv digests. Further details on local arrangements, registration, programming etc will be forthcoming, and the website will migrate to its permanent location on the Simon Fraser University server around (northern hemispheric) summer's end.

Second, we learned on Friday morning that the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) in Ottawa has granted us an "Aid to Research Workshops and Conferences in Canada" award in support of the event. This grant, together with the base funding generously furnished by the Woodsworth Endowment committee of the SFU Institute for the Humanities, plus discretionary revenues donated by the SFU President and Dean of Arts and Social Sciences, place us on very solid fiscal footing to proceed apace with the conference planning. As well, we are presently looking into some additional funding prospects, and we continue to welcome suggestions and other input on the fundraising front, and otherwise.

Please do feel free to post, forward and/or distribute this digest, the website URL, and/or other information about the conference to anyone who might be interested.

In the meantime, we will continue to forge ahead at this end. More news shortly.

With thanks once again, and best wishes from sun-soaked Vancouver.

Bob