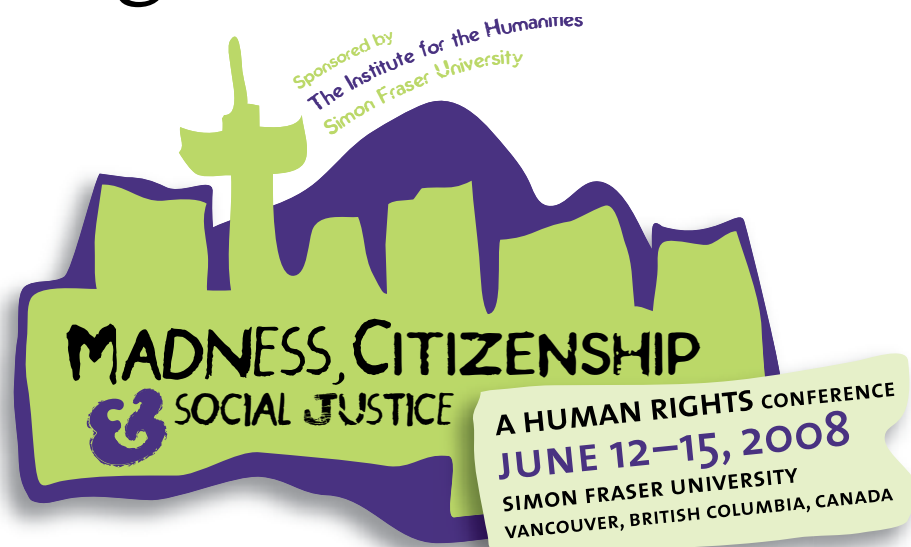


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HELLO AGAIN, ALL.

With this latest digest we are passing along a call from Dr. Marina Morrow, member of the Advisory Board and the Faculty of Health Sciences at Simon Fraser University, for contributions to a proposed panel session on the Canadian federal government's Kirby report, which was released amid much fanfare in spring of this year. Submissions in consideration for this session, and the forwarding of this digest to anyone interested, would be much welcome and appreciated. Marina can be contacted directly at mmorrow@sfu.ca.

Panel *After the Kirby Report: A Critical Dialogue*
Senator Michael Kirby's long awaited report on mental health, *Out of the Shadows at Last: Mental Health, Mental Illness and Addictions in Canada* was released in the Spring of 2006 to much positive acclaim. With few exceptions^[1] mental health providers and advocates have lauded the report and have widely called for the recommendations to be taken up at both the federal and provincial levels. Despite this, governments to date have shown little political commitment to addressing the issues raised by the report. Further, little critical public dialogue has occurred on the process and the

content of the report. The Madness, Citizenship and Social Justice conference is inviting paper submissions for a panel, **AFTER THE KIRBY REPORT: A CRITICAL DIALOGUE** to explore these issues.

We will continue to enlist this listserve to publicize sessions and recruit panellists. As well, the revised and expanded conference website will include a Call for Papers link when it goes into operation at new, permanent url (www.sfu.ca/madcitizenship-conference) around the end of August. So do please pass along any and all session proposals and other program ideas that you may be harbouring.

I will be back in touch in late August with more news. In the meantime, thanks for your continuing support of this conference, and all best wishes,

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