

Conference Digest

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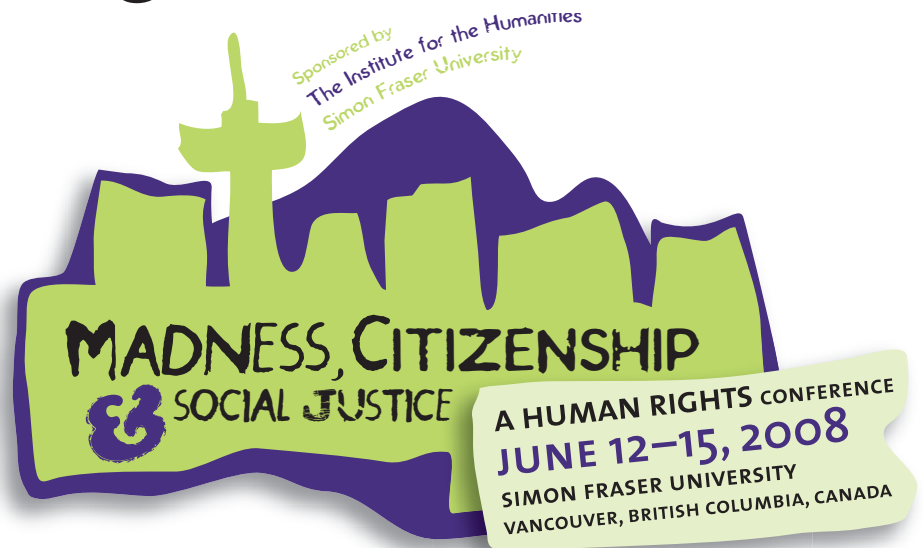
This is the third in our series of digests being distributed to the listserv for **Madness, Citizenship and Social Justice: A Human Rights Conference**, a public event being sponsored by the Institute for the Humanities at Simon Fraser University, and scheduled for SFU's downtown Vancouver campus on Thursday, June 12th through Sunday, June 15th, 2008.

Among other developments, we are happy to announce the further updating of the conference website <http://www.sfu.ca/madcitizenship-conference/> with a collection of photos and other images that have been generously donated by Graeme Bacque, Lucy Costa, Erick Fabris, Lilith Finkler, Larry Green, Irwin Oostindie and Gallery Gachet, and the Psychiatric Survivor Archives of Toronto. We are much obliged to all these good folks, along with our new webmaster Josh Laidlaw, for having added some much-needed atmosphere to the site in keeping with the conference themes of critical engagement, social justice, and human rights advocacy.

Further, we are continuing to advance our plans for mounting a number of cultural events that will coincide with keynotes, panels and workshops. There will be stage performances; art exhibits; the June 14th commemoration of Titicut Follies in the company of director Frederick Wiseman; and screenings/discussions of additional films to be sprinkled through the program. Further suggestions and proposals along these lines are most welcome.

As mentioned in the October digest, the on-line conference registration software and procedures will be in place on the conference website by December. We will also be updating information on the conference hotels, for the information of out-of-town delegates.

Please do remember that the deadline for submitting new proposals for the program, and for reconfirming proposals originally submitted last year, is Friday, February 15th, 2008.



New proposals should include a title; abstract/description of about 150 words; name(s), title(s) and contact information; and equipment needs. You may email proposals or re-confirmations to Robert Menzies at MadConference08@shaw.ca or menzies@sfu.ca (please ignore the "Away from Email" reply that you might receive from the latter address through to late December).

We will continue to use these listserv digests (which are also being posted on the website) to circulate information as it becomes available between now and next June. Absent any breaking news, the next digest will appear next month.

In the meantime, I want to convey our thanks to all those who have been helping to publicize the event, and to encourage everyone to spread the word.

For further details, please feel free to contact Robert Menzies directly at the above-noted email address(es).

With thanks, and best wishes,

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