

# Conference Digest

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This is the latest in a series of listserv digests for Madness, Citizenship and Social Justice: A Human Rights Conference, an event hosted by the Simon Fraser University Institute for the Humanities and scheduled for the SFU downtown Harbour Centre campus in Vancouver, Canada on June 12th-15th, 2008.

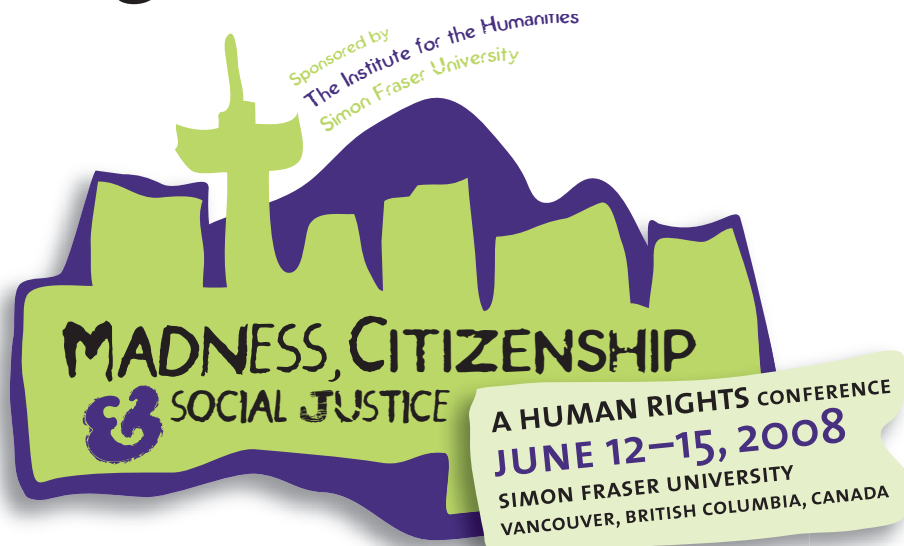
As the June events commence to loom large on the horizon, once again we have several items to share by way of updates:

## **EARLY REGISTRATION BY MAY 2ND:**

Please note that we are fast approaching the May 2nd deadline for early registration (and corresponding 'early-bird' fees). If you have not already done so, do consider taking advantage of these discounted rates by completing the on-line registration form <http://www.sfu.ca/madcitizenship-conference/register.htm> by the 2nd. Commencing May 3rd, on-line registration will continue, at the posted regular rates, through to June 4th. On-site registration will be available at the conference (also at regular rates). Any questions regarding the registration page and procedures can be directed to [Conference\\_Services@sfu.ca](mailto:Conference_Services@sfu.ca).

## **ACCOMMODATION UPDATE:**

As per earlier digests, details on the four conference-sponsored accommodation options can be found at [www.sfu.ca/madcitizenship-conference/hotel.htm](http://www.sfu.ca/madcitizenship-conference/hotel.htm). We advise that you book early to guarantee conference rates (our block bookings are limited in number, and in the case of the Ramada, the listed rates apply to May 2nd only). In addition to the four conference-sponsored options [www.sfu.ca/madcitizenship-conference/hotel.htm](http://www.sfu.ca/madcitizenship-conference/hotel.htm), anyone seeking budget-minded lodgings in the vicinity of the conference (in contrast to SFU residence, which is about 45 minutes distant by bus) might wish to consider hostel-style accommodation. While neither of these lodgings is associated with the conference, two options that have been recommended to us are the Cambie (Gastown) [www.thecambie.com/v2/gastown/](http://www.thecambie.com/v2/gastown/), and the Patricia [www.budgetpathotel.bc.ca/index.html](http://www.budgetpathotel.bc.ca/index.html).



## **RECEPTION HOSTS: SOCIAL JUSTICE AND CITIZENSHIP WORKING GROUP:**

I am delighted to announce that the Social Justice and Citizenship Working Group of the SFU Institute for the Humanities has offered to host and sponsor the conference reception to be held in the late afternoon of Thursday, June 12th. Our sincere thanks go out to the working group members, and their chair Dr. Margaret Jackson, for their generous contributions to this event. The reception will immediately follow David Oaks' keynote address. All delegates are cordially invited.

## **ONE CHAIR STILL NEEDED:**

The offers to serve as panel moderators have continued to pour in, to our great appreciation (and relief!). At this juncture, the one panel still in need of a chair is #29 (Sexual Citizenship and the Psychiatric Paradigm). For anyone interested in moderating a session, this would be a wonderful choice. To sign on, you can contact me at [MadConference08@shaw.ca](mailto:MadConference08@shaw.ca) or [menzies@sfu.ca](mailto:menzies@sfu.ca).

## **PLEASE PUBLICIZE:**

As always, we encourage you to post, forward, circulate, and otherwise spread news about the event far and wide.

With just over seven weeks remaining to the conference start-up, we will be back in touch before long with more news on the Thursday and Saturday evening events (the

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Night of Mad Culture and Evening With Frederick Wiseman); specifics on ticketing for the Friday screening of Titicut Follies and Juvenile Court at Pacific Cinémathèque (with Frederick Wiseman on hand to introduce the films and field questions); information for session panellists and chairs; details on technical and a-v support; and so forth.

Best wishes,

**Bob**