January 24  Chicago’s Geography of Inequality – and What it Means for Organizing. Tom Lenz, Senior Consultant, Millennia Consulting; Former Organizer at United Power for Action and Justice and at Lake County United.


February 14  Shanghai: The Past Present and Future. Tony Orum, Professor Emeritus of Sociology at the University of Illinois at Chicago; CURL Visiting Scholar, LUC.

February 21  Did Chicago Learn Anything When It Lost the 2016 Olympic Host City Competition? Larry Bennett, Professor, Dept. Political Science, DePaul University.

February 28  Why Better Banking Is the Hottest Next Chapter for Social Enterprise. Campaign for Better Banking: Ron Grzywinski, Advisor; Mary Houghton, Managing Director; Megan Hryndza, Deputy Director; Nisha Sutaria, Analyst.


March 14  More People, More Programs and More Geographies. Dan Pitera, Executive Director, Detroit Collaborative Design Center, University of Detroit Mercy School of Architecture.


March 28  Academic Coaching - A Life Changing Combination of High Achieving College Students and At-Risk Urban High School Students. Mary Charles, Grants Director, School of Education, LUC.

April 4  How do Mexican American Youth See their Neighborhood? A Collaboration with Enlace Chicago, Using GIS Mapping and Focus Group Methods. Maryse Richards, Professor, Clinical Psychology; Affiliated with Developmental Psychology Program, LUC; David Treering, GIS Specialist, LUC; Kathryn Bocanegra, Director of Violence Prevention, Enlace Chicago.

April 11  ...And the Rich Get Richer: Redefining Blight when Creating TIF Districts. Twyla Blackmond Larnell, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Political Science, LUC.

April 25  Evaluation of the State Attorney’s Deferred Prosecution Project. Christine George, Associate Research Professor, CURL, LUC.

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