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## **International CUexpo2005 Conference: Dismantling Ivory Towers & Improving Inner Cities**

WINNIPEG—Delegates from across Canada and the United States, and from as far away as the Netherlands, Germany, the Philippines and Australia, will have the opportunity to hear a host of dynamic speakers address the timely urban issues of poverty, homelessness, affordable housing, neighbourhood revitalization, community economic development, and community-based research and partnerships at *CUexpo2005: Community-University Research Partnerships, Leaders in Urban Change*. This international conference, hosted by the Winnipeg Inner City Research Alliance at The University of Winnipeg's Institute of Urban Studies, takes place **September 15 – 18, 2005 at the Delta Winnipeg (350 St. Mary Avenue)**.

Urban universities have the unique opportunity and responsibility to play a role in contributing to the overall cultural, social, and economic well-being of their communities and regions, says **Lloyd Axworthy, President of The University of Winnipeg**. Axworthy will kick off the *Perspectives from Funders'* session **Friday, September 16, 2005 - 8:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.** with a keynote address entitled *Dismantling the Ivory Tower: The Role of Universities in Building Creative, Vital Communities*.

In speaking to the topic of *Perspectives from the Funders*, **Pamela Wiggin, Vice President, Knowledge Products and Mobilization, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)**, will delineate the national SSHRC perspective on the history and evolution of the Community University Research Alliance (CURA) program, its achievements to date, and its ongoing significance.

Another funder perspective will be provided by **Trevor Gloyn, General Manager, Prairie, Nunavut and Northwest Territories Business Centre, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC)**. Gloyn will speak on how CMHC's provision of funding for housing research and urban development projects is strengthening community capacity building and partnerships, while also addressing the housing needs of Canadians.

Other CUexpo keynote addresses include:

- **William Johnson, Mayor of Rochester, New York**, will give a free public presentation entitled *New Times, New Challenges, New Visions* on **Thursday, September 15, 2005** from **7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.** at the Delta Hotel. This event is co-hosted by OmniTRAX/Broe QUEST and the Manitoba Professional Planners Institute. Johnson will speak on Rochester's acclaimed process of inner-city redevelopment based on citizen empowerment and partnerships, research partnerships between university and community, and building effective city-university partnerships.
- **David Roy Newhouse, Principal of Peter Gzowski College at Trent University**, will give a keynote address on *Creating a Seat at the Table-Reflections on Invisibility, Diversity and Power* **Saturday, September 17, 2005** from **12:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.** at the Delta Winnipeg. Newhouse will explore how the relationship between researcher and researched is influenced by our understanding of ourselves and our history.
- **Cathy Crowe, Street Nurse and co-founder of Toronto Disaster Relief Committee**, will give insight into *Research With A Pulse* on **Sunday, September 18, 2005** from **8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** Crowe will describe some of the unusual research methods she employed in her first research experience entitled *The Street Health Report* (1992) <http://tdrc.net/CroweResources.htm>

CUexpo2005, with over 92 break-out sessions, will examine issues such as poverty, homelessness, affordable housing, neighbourhood revitalization, support for children and youth, and community economic development.

Field trips are planned **Thursday, September 15, 2005 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.** Each tour focuses on a different aspect of community development, community building and/or revitalization in Winnipeg's core area including: West Broadway and Spence neighbourhoods; North End neighbourhoods; Winnipeg's rooming house and residential hotel stock; Aboriginal culture; community art; Community Economic Development initiatives; and, revitalized inner city affordable housing.

#### **REGISTRATION FOR INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS:**

- ✓ Students (ID required) and low-income individuals can attend up to two breakout sessions daily for \$5 per breakout session (this does not include panel or keynote sessions)
- ✓ Walk-in registration is available for keynotes (including meal and speaker/s) for \$30 or \$20/students

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