Forward? The Wisconsin Idea, Past & Present

Public Lecture & Undergraduate Course



Fall 2020 Speakers and Topics

Introduction to the Wisconsin Idea

Sept 8: Chad Alan Goldberg (Department of Sociology, UW–Madison), "The University's Service to Democracy"

The Wisconsin Idea and Public Health

- Sept 15: Tessa Conroy (Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, UW–Madison), "What Does the 1918 Flu Pandemic Teach Us about the Economic Impacts of COVID-19? The Likeness to and Differences from a Century Ago"
- Sept 22: Sarah Marshall (Waisman Center, UW–Madison), "Improving Communication Access in Healthcare during COVID-19 and Beyond"
- Sept 29: William Hartman (School of Medicine and Public Health, UW–Madison), "Staying Cool in the Middle of a Fire: Hope and Trust the Community"
- Oct 6: Norman Fost (School of Medicine and Public Health, UW–Madison), "Rationing Ventilators during the COVID-19 Pandemic: The Benefits and Limits of Bioethics"
- Oct 13: Dominique Brossard (Department of Life Sciences Communication, UW–Madison), "Communicating about COVID-19: The Wisconsin Idea in Action"
- Oct 20: Aaron Fai (Center for the Humanities, UW-Madison), "Humanities Responders' to COVID-19"

The Wisconsin Idea and the Economy

- Oct 27: Neil Kraus (Department of Politics, Geography and International Studies, UW–River Falls), "Reality or Fantasy? The Economy, Inequality, and Education Reform"
- Nov 3: Steven C. Deller (Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, UW–Madison), "Extension and the Wisconsin Idea"

The Wisconsin Idea, Expertise, and Public Policy

- Nov 10: Fred Clark (Wisconsin's Green Fire), "Conservation in Practice: Science, Policy, and the Wisconsin Idea"
- Nov 17: Jennifer Gaddis (School of Human Ecology, UW–Madison), "The Past and Future of School Lunch as a Form of Public Care"

Revisiting Charles McCarthy's Wisconsin Idea

Nov 24: Jeff Snowbarger and Ross Tangedal (Department of English, UW–Stevens Point), "Charles McCarthy's The Wisconsin Idea: Past, Present, and Future"

Inclusion and the Wisconsin Idea

Dec 1: Torsheika Maddox (Office of Strategic Diversity Planning and Research, UW–Madison), "DEI @ UW–Madison: Past, Present, and Future"

The Making of the Wisconsin Idea

Dec 8: Jennifer Ratner-Rosenhagen (Department of History, UW–Madison), "The Ideas That Made the Wisconsin Idea"