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 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 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 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**


**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”