

The Gaines Center for the Humanities

At the University of Kentucky

The Gaines Center was established in 1984 with a generous gift from Joan B. and John R. Gaines of Lexington. The Center for the Humanities is unique among undergraduate programs and facilities found in public universities. Designed to enrich the study of the humanities as an intellectual activity and as a means to self-betterment, the Center offers courses and sponsors activities of appeal to faculty and students in all disciplinary fields. Moreover, the Center's location on a residential street where campus borders community represents the effort both to extend learning beyond the classroom and to unite civic and academic interests.



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The Lafayette Seminars in Public Issues

The annual Lafayette Seminar offers an opportunity for Lexington community members, elected officials, and faculty and students to discuss such issues as local economy, town and gown relationships, and the creation of successful public spaces. The Lafayette Seminar is supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

- 2010 Smart Growth Mayoral Forum
- 2009 Growing Neighborhoods: Will Allen and Community Gardens
- 2008 Art + Public: Engaging the Community through Art
- 2007 Hidden Treasures: Reviving Downtown Neighborhoods
- 2006 Redevelopment, Race, and Residential Neighborhoods in Downtown Lexington
- 2005 Growing Kentucky: New Directions for our Culture of Land and Food
- 2004 Town and Gown II: The Lexington - University of Kentucky Connection
- 2002 Town-Gown Relations in Lexington
- 2001 Why Have a City Center?
- 2000 Revitalizing Our Downtown
- 1999 Creating a Successful Urban Public Space
- 1998 The City as Spectacle, The City as a Site of Celebration

Please join us for
The 2011 Lafayette Seminar in Public Issues

Town & Gown III:

The University – Neighborhood Connection

February 16 & February 23, 2011

Presented by the University of Kentucky Gaines Center for the Humanities in partnership with the UK Office of Community Engagement and the University Neighborhood Advisory Council

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How Great Universities Can Shape Great Cities by Omar Blaik, U3 Ventures

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University – Community Engagement Models

Panel Discussion

How Great Universities Can Shape Great Cities by Omar Blaik, U3 Ventures

6 pm • Wednesday, February 16, 2011
Lexington Public Library Theater,
Downtown Branch (140 East Main St.)
Free & open to the public



Omar Blaik is the President and CEO of U3 Ventures, LLC a real estate development and advisory firm solely focused on developing the university market. Mr. Blaik founded U3 Ventures in 2006 with the belief that anchor institutions hold the key to sustainable community and economic development in many cities across the country. Mr. Blaik has led the advisory efforts of U3 Ventures over the past five years working with

University leaders, cities and municipalities, state governments and foundations. The advisory work focuses on institutional strategy, campus edge planning, deploying economic activity for local benefits, real estate strategy and economic feasibility. U3 Ventures specializes in leveraging economic capacity, integrating institutions with their surrounding neighborhoods, and creating opportunities for vibrancy around urban universities.

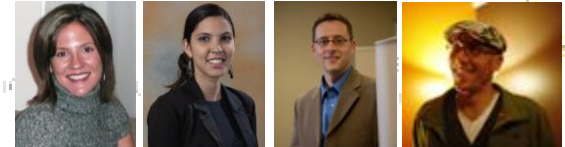
Prior to forming U3 Ventures, Mr. Blaik was the Senior Vice President at the University of Pennsylvania. He joined the University in January 1997, and served as the Chief Planning and Real Estate Officer, with responsibility for Planning, Design and Construction, Facilities Operations and Maintenance, Utilities management, and Real Estate Development. Mr. Blaik's leadership in forming a model of constructive town-gown interaction and partnership and revitalizing neighborhoods surrounding UPenn is described in Judith Rodin's *The University and Urban Revival: Out of the Ivory Tower and Into the Streets* (2007).

Following Mr. Blaik's presentation, there will be ample time for audience Q & A.

University – Community Engagement Models

Panel Discussion

6 pm • Wednesday, February 23, 2011
W. T. Young Library Auditorium, UK
Campus (401 Hilltop Ave.)
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Leah Ashwill, Director
Western Kentucky University's ALIVE Center for Community Partnerships

Nadia De Leon, Community Engagement Coordinator
WKU ALIVE Center for Community Partnerships

Paul Markham, Co-Director
Western Kentucky University Institute for Citizenship and Social Responsibility & Assistant Professor of Honors Interdisciplinary Studies

Terry Shoemaker, Program Coordinator
WKU Institute for Citizenship & Social Responsibility



Katherine McCormick, James W. and Diane V. Stuckert
Service Learning Professor & Associate Professor in
Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education, University of
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Bob Kelly, Architect & Adjunct Faculty, University of
Kentucky College of Design
Co-chair, University Neighborhood Advisory Council &
Founding Member, Town & Gown Commission



Kurt Gohde, Professor of Art,
Transylvania University

Kremena Todorova, Assistant
Professor of English,
Transylvania University

Co-leaders, Community
Engagement through the Arts
Course

And student respondents.

The panel discussion will include ample time for audience Q & A.