Seminar Series – Spring 2018

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The La Follette School Seminar Series is a one-credit course that offers students and other on- and off-campus community members an opportunity to cross disciplinary boundaries to review and discuss the latest research by top public management, policy, and other scholars. The seminar series provides new and unpublished research as well as practitioner insight. All one-hour seminars:

• Are free and open to the public (course enrollment is not required)
• Begin at 12:30 p.m.
• Are held at the La Follette School, 1225 Observatory Drive, Madison (unless otherwise indicated)

Wednesday, January 24
Salary Workshop for Students
Charlie Trevor, Professor and Chair, Department of Management and Human Resources, Wisconsin School of Business

Wednesday, January 31
Doug Harris, Professor of Economics, Tulane University; Director, Education Research Alliance for New Orleans

Wednesday, February 7
Regional Financing Arrangements in the Global Financial Safety Net: State of Play, New Developments, and Cooperation
Gong Cheng, economist and policy strategist, European Stability Mechanism

Wednesday, February 8 (Institute for Research on Poverty Seminar)
Automating Inequality: How High-Tech Tools Profile, Police, and Punish the Poor
Virginia Eubanks, Associate Professor of Political Science, State University of New York – Albany
Social Sciences Bldg 8417, 12:15 to 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 21
Avoiding a Public Pension Crisis: A History of the Wisconsin Retirement System
Gary Gates, retired secretary, Wisconsin Department of Employee Trust Funds, Co-sponsored by PROFS, Union South

Wednesday, February 28
The Political Consequences of Economic Shocks: Evidence from Poland
Mark Copelovitch, Associate Professor of Public Affairs, La Follette School of Public Affairs

Wednesday, March 7
Women, Work, and Care: What Can We Learn from Cross-National Comparisons?
Janet Gornick, Professor of Political Science & Sociology, The Graduate Center, City University of New York
Discovery Building, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, March 21
The Weeds: A Q&A with Matt Yglesias about Covering Public Policy
Matthew Yglesias, Vox Media, Union South, 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 4
A Non-Corrupt Public Sector – If You Can Keep It: Multi-Country Study of Honesty and Public Sector Job Preferences
Asmus Olsen, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Copenhagen

Wednesday, April 18
Purposeful Leadership: Life Lessons from Curt Culver
Curt Culver, La Follette School Board of Visitors member
Discovery Building, DeLuca Forum, 4 p.m., reception to follow

Wednesday, April 25
Presentation Topic TBA
Yunji Kim, Assistant Professor, UW–Madison Department of Planning and Landscape Architecture

Wednesday, May 2
Racial Differences in Family Formation Within Maternal Education Groups and Their Implications for Children’s School Readiness
Jordan Conwell, Assistant Professor of Sociology and Educational Policy Studies, UW–Madison

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