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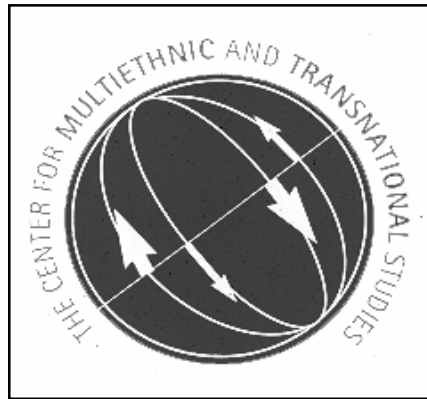
The Center for Multiethnic and Transnational Studies

## **D**irector's Column

Michael B. Preston

We at the Center for Multiethnic and Transnational Studies (CMTS), are extremely proud that one of our own, **Stephen E. Toulmin, the Henry R. Luce Professor of Multiethnic and Transnational Studies**, will receive the federal government's highest prize for intellectual achievement in the humanities. Professor Toulmin will deliver the National Endowment for the Humanities' 26th Annual Jefferson Lecture on March 24, 1997 at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. He will also give a repeat of his lecture "A Dissenter's Life," as part of the Provost Distinguished Lecture Series, on April 14, 1997 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 306, Taper Hall. The Center for Multiethnic and Transnational Studies joins the Anthropology department, Schools of Religion, International Relations and Communication in congratulating Professor Toulmin on his achievements.

As part of its interdisciplinary mission, the Center has sponsored and/or acted as a co-hosts to several important speakers over the past year. For example, the Center was honored to act as a co-host for several seminars and lectures given by **Dr. Young Hoon Kang**, former Prime Minister of South Korea. CMTS also hosted an informal dinner for Dr. Kang and his wife while he was at USC to receive the **General Alumni Association's Alumni Merit Award**. Professor George Totten, a



former professor of Dr. Kang's, played a key role in his activities while he was on campus. CMTS also joined with the Speakers Committee of the Program Board and the Office of Black Alumni Programs to present **Mr. Randall Robinson**, President, Trans Africa Forum, for two important presentations. Mr. Robinson's lecture was on "U.S. Foreign Policy Toward Africa and the Caribbean in the Post-Cold War Era"; he was also a key participant on "The Nigerian Forum." Other participants in the Forum were members of the CMTS Steering Committee; Professor C.R.D. Halisi, Political Science, Gerald Bender, International Relations, and C. Sylvester Whitaker, Se-

nior CMTS Fellow. Professor Whitaker was also founder of the Center for Multiethnic and Transnational Studies.

The Visiting Scholars Program at CMTS has attracted both national and international scholars and has become known as a place that offers a friendly and interesting environment for research. One of our former Visiting Scholars, Professor Raphael F. Sonenshein, has indicated how much he enjoyed being able to talk to people with similar research interest. Professor Sonenshein has also recently been selected as Director of the Charter Reform Commission created by the Los Angeles City Council. The other, Professor Nadera Kervorkian, has returned to the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and wrote to thank the CMTS family for our "...continuous contribution to [her] scholarly and non-scholarly life and practices..." Other Visiting Scholars over the past year include Rev. Madison Shockley, a community leader in Los Angeles, Dr. Hye-

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Won Choi of Stanford and Dr. Michael Jones-Correa of Harvard. We are especially proud to be able to attract such high quality scholars and leaders, especially since we do not yet have stipends to offer them.

On the programmatic front, CMTS has been very active this year. The Center has sponsored or co-sponsored a wide-range of lectures and seminars dealing with multiethnic and transnational issues. For example, we have joined with the Los Angeles City Attorney's office to co-sponsor a "*National Pilot Program for Days of Dialogue on Race Relations and Affirmative Action*"; attended meetings on African-American/Jewish Leadership Connections; participated in seminars and lectures sponsored by the Pacific Council on International Policy; co-sponsored a lecture by Dr. C. Kenneth Quinones, North Korea Analyst-U.S. Department of State on "*North Korea Today: U.S.-DPRK Relations*," and finally we are co-hosting with the Department of Political Science, Jesse Unruh Institute of Politics and School of International Relations, a lecture by The Right Honorable Kim Campbell, General Consul of Canada and Former Prime Minister of Canada. These are just a few of the activities of the Center and others will be mentioned elsewhere in this publication.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the individual participants and academic units who have so graciously worked with us over the last year. With your help we will continue our efforts to stimulate teaching and research on multiethnic and transnational issues.

Michael B. Preston  
Professor & Director

## Announcements

The Center has a "new and improved" home Web Page and address. Please check us out at <http://www.usc.edu/dept/LAS/CMTS>

The associated faculty of the Center wishes to welcome our new and returning Visiting Scholars who are conducting their research at the Center and have established visiting residency in our office suites at Grace Ford Salvatori Hall. We are honored to welcome **Dr. Hye-Won Choi**. Dr. Choi who received her Ph.D. in linguistics from Stanford is currently researching the relationship between language and ethnicity, especially in the Korean community in the United States. We also wish to welcome **Dr. Michael Jones-Correa** of the Department of Government at Harvard University. Dr. Jones-Correa is doing a four-city comparative research project on inter-ethnic relations in urban centers in the aftermath of civil disturbances.

The Center is pleased to announce that our Visiting Scholar, **Dr. Raphael**

**Sonenshein**, Professor of Political Science at California State University, Fullerton, was recently appointed to be the Executive Director of the Los Angeles City Council's Appointed Charter Commission.

We also welcome **Rev. Madison T. Shockley, II** who took a sabbatical off from the Congregational Church of Christian Fellowship to spend a semester at the Center as a Community Visiting Scholar researching the role of the faith community in multiethnic ministries.

The Center has a joint Affiliated Visiting Scholars Program, which is hosted by CMTS and the Center for Feminist Research (C.F.R.). Under this program, we would like to welcome **Dr. Mark Blasius** of the Department of Political Science at the City University of New York. Dr. Blasius is researching the cross-cultural dimensions of AIDS and political ideologies shaping responses to it, as well as how race, class and ethnicity

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### A Presidential Welcome

Resident CMTS Scholar, Professor Herbert Shore, is greeted outside the Office of The President by South African President Nelson Mandela during his research trip there.

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informs a gay and lesbian critique of political theory.

Also returning back for a short stay under this joint program was **Dr. Nadera Kevorkian** from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Dr. Kevorkian is a leading authority in the Middle East on domestic violence and continues an active research schedule in her recent publications on comparative domestic violence and feminist issues, as well as organizing high-level transnational women's conferences.

Through CMTS' Graduate Affiliated Scholars Program, we are pleased to welcome back **Frank Petrikowski**, from the University of Hamburg, who will be returning from Germany this spring to continue research for his doctoral studies on comparative ethnic immigrant communities and their political mobilization.

Among the resident center scholars, there is much afoot in terms of their collective community outreach, teaching, research and publications. **Dr. Gojko Vuckovic** has just finished a book manuscript titled: *"Ethnic Cleavages and Conflict: The Sources of National Cohesion and Disintegration,"* which will be published by Avebury Publishing Limited.

**Dr. Herbert Shore** has just returned from South Africa on a trip funded by the Africa Fund and the Office of the President of South Africa. He has completed a Ford Foundation grant of microfilming his extensive collection on Mozambique for the National Archives of Mozambique. Dr. Shore also has a contract to do an oral history on Walter Sisulo which will be published by Mayibuye Books, University of Western Cape Press and also made into a CD-ROM by Robben Island Museum and Archives.

**Dr. H. Eric Schockman**, Associate Director of the Center has just returned from Japan [along with Senior Resident Affiliate Scholar, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, **George O. Totten**,

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## RECENT AND ONGOING PROJECTS/EVENTS

### AN OPEN DIALOGUE ON RACE RELATIONS

CMTS has joined with USC's United Ministry and the Office of Civic and Community Relations to co-sponsor an on-going *"Day of Dialogue on Race Relations"* series. First launched by the Los Angeles City Council in October, 1995 these forums have spread throughout the city and nation. CMTS is proud to be one of the first community host sites and organizers.

### CMTS DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES

Throughout the year, CMTS has sponsored, or jointly co-sponsored a series of provocative lectures, colloquias or forums bringing together scholars, students and community individuals to dialogue around the pressing issues of multiethnicity and transnationalism. A sample of the repertoire of events held have included:

*"Women Politics and Policy During the War in the Former Yugoslavia."* Featuring Professor Zorica Mrsevic, University of Iowa, and Vesna Kesic, Human Rights Activist, Zagreb (so-sponsored with the Center for Feminist Research).

*"The Impact of Welfare Reform on the Immigration Debate."* Featuring Professor Madeleine Stoner, School of Social Work; Rev. Gene Boutilier, El Rescate; Professor David Heer, Director of the Population Research Lab.

*"The Gay and Lesbian Situation in Russia Today."* Featuring Professor Igor Kon, Russian Academy of Sciences (co-sponsored with Center for Feminist Research; The One Institute; Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Graduate Student Assembly).

*"They Only Look Dead: Why The Progressives Will Dominate the Next Era."* Featuring E.J. Dionne, Journalist, *Washington Post*, (co-sponsored with School of Journalism).

*"Transnational Culture, Multiethnicity and the Arts."* Featuring Professors Margo Apostolos, School of Theatre and Todd Boyd, School of Cinema and Television.

*"The Role of Religious and Non-Profit Institutions In The American Acculturation of Immigrants."* Featuring Vice President George Abdo.

*"Recent Development In The New South Africa And Southern Africa."* Featuring Professors Gerald Bender, International Relations; C.R.D. Halisi, Political Science; Herbert Shore, Affiliated Scholar, CMTS.

*"U.S. Foreign Policy Toward Africa And The Caribbean In The Post-Cold War Era."* Featuring Randall Robinson, President, Trans Africa Forum (co-sponsored with Speakers Committee of Program Board; Office of Black Alumni Programs).

*"Whither The Grand Alliance? Community Based Leadership, Coalition Building And The Role Of The University"* (co-sponsored with the Los Angeles Multicultural Collaborative).

*"Constitutional Democracy In Southern Africa: Its African And Transnational Implications."* Featuring Professor Sam C. Nolutshungu, University of Rochester.

*"Women Victimization In A Cross-Cultural Perspective."* Featuring Professors Nadera Kevorkian, Hebrew University; Eliz Sanasarian, Political Science; Tseten Phanucharas, Tibetan Woman Activist (co-sponsored by the Center for Feminist Research and Jesse M. Unruh Institute of Politics).

*"What Are The Implications Of The Recent Federal And State Elections For the 'Progressive Christian' Movement?"* Featuring Rev. Madison Shockley, Visiting Scholar CMTS; Rev. Dr. Norman Johnson, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (co-sponsored with the Claremont Consultation).

*"The Color Of Fear."* A film and presentation by Director Lee Mun Wah (co-

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## *S*pecial Feature

### RELIGION AND CYBERSPACE

Alvin S. Rudisill  
Senior Fellow, CMTS & CRCC  
School of Religion

The cybernetic revolution is all around us in our schools, businesses and homes. Does religion have any interest in this phenomenon? At one level the World Wide Web reveals an abundance of home pages and a proliferation of somewhat bizarre religions. At another level, the question remains unanswered in terms of local utilization.

It was this question which prompted several of us faculty in the School of Religion a year ago to apply for an Annenberg Center grant. I was joined by Professor John Orr and Donald Miller in creating "Religion On-Line" (ROL) as a research experiment in electronic democracy. Our goal was to recruit fifty religious institutions: parishes, congregations, temples and mosques and to ask that two of their senior leaders, lay or ordained to participate in ROL. Our focus was not so much to promote the uniquely religious aspects of these groups, such as worship or education, but rather to monitor whether being on-line would aid and abet their community development activities.

Given the research conducted by Orr and Miller after the 1992 riots which revealed a dramatic level of community development and service, ranging from new housing to service centers and soup kitchens, the issue was a lively one — could Internet access to one another among the religious leaders facilitate access to resources, ideas and cooperation. It seemed an important area to explore and the Annenberg Center agreed. We have now come to the formal

close of the grant year but have been given permission to extend the research phase until May in order to complete the project.

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We were apparently guilty of a certain level of naiveté because, even with a full time project manager and a technical consultant, we underestimated the amount of time and effort necessary to recruit the fifty institutions and then to assist in helping them establish access to the Internet. In addition, there was a good bit of time expended in providing training for the so-called "charter members." The result was that the better part of the grant year was spent in "getting everyone on board."

The next step was to encourage interactivity among the charter members. ROL has a web site which provides, through the work of the "webmaster" John Orr, a vast amount of information data as well as the convenience of "links" to other web sites which may be helpful to the charter members, saving them the time of "surfing" and access. Over the coming months we will facilitate some discussions on-line, bulletin boards, and encourage the information use of e-mail exchanges.

A major factor in our success has been the emerging relationship with the Center for Multiethnic and Transnational Studies, located adjacent to our offices in Salvatori Hall. CMTS has provided support space and resources to ROL on a very collegial basis which was very helpful.

What success have we had? We enrolled a very diverse group of religious organizations ranging from the LA Zen Center to the Baha'i Center to the more traditional Roman Catholic, Protestant and Jewish groups. Many of these "charters" have developed their own home pages. We have already observed a high level of interactivity among office staff, community development organization personnel and congregation "techies." We hear reports of congregational members accessing home pages at work. And we understand that newcomers to Los Angeles are "church shopping" by viewing home pages! It appears that religion is becoming part of cyberspace! All of this electronic activity occurs in the context of the dynamic life of a city which is increasingly multiethnic. It is our hope and

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desire that ROL can facilitate greater communication and cooperation among the diverse groups, ethnic and religious which make up the fabric of Los Angeles. We assume Religion On-Line, now a project of the new Center for Religion and Civic Culture in the School of Religion, will continue to grow as the Center provides public policy information and other data to the religious community. I am extremely pleased to have been named a Senior Fellow in the new Center. And of course, we hope the Center and ROL have a positive effect on religious life and service.

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## Affiliate Scholar's Column

### SCREENING THE LOS ANGELES "RIOTS"

*CMTS Affiliate Scholar, Professor Darnell M. Hunt  
 (Department of Sociology)*

On April 29, 1992, the "worst riots of the century" (*Los Angeles Times*) erupted. Television newsmakers tried frantically to keep up with what was happening on the streets while, around the city, nation and globe, viewers watched intently as leaders, participants, and fires flashed across their television screens.

*Screening the Los Angeles "riots:"* is about seeing race and resistance on the first night of these events and exploring in detail the meaning found in one news organization (KTTV-TV), as well as those made by fifteen groups of viewers in the events' aftermath. Combining ethnographic and quasi-experimental methods, my account reveals how race shapes both television's construction of news and viewers' understanding of it. I engaged the longstanding debates about the power of television to shape our thoughts versus our ability to resist, and conclude with implications for progressive change.

My informants consisted of fifteen groups of viewers — five "Latino," five "black," and five "white" — who all viewed the same television news account of the events, but offered sharply different understandings of the events' significance. While groups were selected in order to explore class (e.g., working class versus middle class) and geographical (i.e. South Los Angeles residence versus other locations) influences on perceptions, racial factors clearly stood out as the dominant influence on group decision-making processes. Indeed, group discussions served as forums for informants to "do-being Latino," "do-being black," or "do-being white" — to negotiate positions from which to make sense of the news coverage and affirm their own racial subjectivities. These positions produced varying degrees and styles of opposition toward ideological assumptions embedded in the news coverage.



### A Feminist Solution to the Conflict in the Former Yugoslavia?

Zorica Mrsevic and Vesna Kesic are joined by Professor Margie Waller, Chair of the Women Studies Program at UC Riverside for a CMTS-hosted forum.

**CMTS Scholar-in-Residence**  
**Professor Stephen E. Toulmin**  
**1997 Awardee of the NEH Jefferson Lectureship**



**National Endowment for the Humanities Bestows its  
 1997 Jefferson Lectureship on Professor Stephen E. Toulmin.**

Established in 1972, the Jefferson Lecture provides an opportunity for a distinguished thinker to explore matters of broad concern in a major public address. This award is the highest honor conferred by the federal government for intellectual achievement in the humanities. The lecture typically draws a diverse and distinguished audience that includes members of Congress, representatives of cultural organizations and higher educational institutions, senior government officials, and interested citizens from around the country. On March 24, 1997, at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., Professor Toulmin delivered his eloquent lecture titled: "*A Dissenter's Life*," which dealt with the importance in our society of encouraging a diversity of opinions and avoiding dogmatism — and above all, encouraging matters of ethics and religion.

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sponsored with USC Diversity Encouragement Council).

"*Cultural Policy: Why It Is Controversial, Why It Is Important.*" Featuring The Right Honorable Kim Campbell, Consul General of Canada and former Prime Minister (co-sponsored with the Jesse M. Unruh Institute of Politics; School of International Relations; Department of Political Science).

"*North Korea Today: U.S.-DPRK Relations.*" Featuring Dr. C. Kenneth Quinones, North Korea Analyst/U.S. Department of State (co-sponsored with East Asian Studies Center).

**CMTS HOSTS THE SECOND TRANSNATIONAL CONFERENCE  
 ON CONTEMPORARY DIASPORA**

Approximately 90 scholars from around the globe (including a half dozen U.S.C. faculty) met for a 3-day conference in Tsukuba, Japan. CMTS was one of the chief organizers and intellectual catalyst for the conference. It follows the Center's pre-conference workshop on "comparative diasporas" held two years ago in Koreatown.

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**CMTS PUBLICATION SERIES**

**Occasional Paper Series**  
**Monograph Paper No. 3**  
**"Contemporary Diasporas: A**  
**Focus On Asian Pacific."**  
**(Volume I & II).**

Contents: Scholarly proceedings from a CMTS pre-conference workshop in an attempt to "rethink the concept of diaspora." Major topics include: transnational migration; reconfiguring ethnicity; a comparison of older historic diaspora with the contemporary phenomena; globalization and nomadic movements of plural societies across traditional nation-state borders.

Price: **\$7.50** (plus shipping and handling).

[NOTE: The entire two-volume monograph paper has just been release electronically and is available free-of-charge on-line through CMTS' Web Page.]

**Monograph Paper No. 2**  
**"Urban Implications Regarding**  
**Québec's Quest For Sovereignty."**

Contents: One of the hottest topics facing North America is the possible policy and structural implications a sovereign Québec would have on transnational relations. This paper examines the implications of sovereignty from an urban perspective, providing an historical context in which the current political situation is analyzed.

Price: **\$5.00** (plus shipping and handling).

**Monograph Paper No. 1**  
**"Central Americans In California: Transnational Communities, Economies and Cultures."**

Contents: Proceedings of a conference sponsored by CMTS, The Thomas Rivera Center and the North-

South Center of the University of Miami. Major topical areas: migration, transnational communities and identities, Central American communities in California, economic incorporation, social networks, survival strategies. This publication is an edited version of the conference material.

**Price: \$5.00** (plus shipping and handling).

### CMTS BOOK PUBLICATION

#### COMMUNITY IN CRISIS: THE KOREAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY AFTER THE CIVIL UNREST OF APRIL 1992

EDITED By  
George O. Totten, III  
H. Eric Schockman

A major achievement of its kind, *Community in Crisis* is a unique collection of essays by community activists, scholars, politicians, religious leaders and others involved in community affairs. The book explores the causes and consequences behind the Korean American community's ordeal in the Los Angeles riots of 1992. In doing so, it provides an informed perspective on the community's past and present, its social structure, its culture, and its relations with other groups. Following this analysis, the book's contributors provide policy proposals for the future of Korean Americans. Complete with a bibliography and an index, this book has already become a standard reference source for Korean American studies.

**Price: \$20.00 paperback/\$36.00 hardback** (plus \$3 shipping and handling per order).

## Announcements

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CMTS Faculty Steering Committee members: **Professors Azada-Ayse Rorlich** (History) and **Edward Park** (Sociology), CMTS Scholar-in-Residence, **Professor Stephen Toulmin** and USC faculty member **Andrei Simic** (Anthropology)] where he presented a paper (co-authored with Stephen Toulmin) on "*Imperialism And Diaspora In The European Context: A Reexamination.*" This was part of a CMTS co-sponsored transnational conference on comparative contemporary diasporas. (See further details on the conference in CMTS recent events section.). Dr. Schockman has just completed a textbook on California politics titled: *California: An Owner's Manual* (Prentice-Hall Publishers), and is already working on a larger volume due out next year (co-authored with Matthew Cahn).

**Dr. George O. Totten, III**, completed the editing of the memoirs of Kim Dae-jung South Korea's noted political leader, titled: "*A New Beginning.*" It has been published by CMTS and is now available for purchase for \$14.95.. Dr. Totten is now helping with a publication of translations of two other works in this trilogy, Kim Dae-jung's "Three Stage" Approach to Korean Reunification, and Mrs. Kim Dae-jung's (Lee Hee-ho's) personal recollections titled, My Love, My Country. Last summer Dr. Totten surveyed the European Union, by visiting Sweden, Germany, France, Belgium, and the Netherlands. In the fall he took part in a conference on peace in Asia at Ritsumeikan University in Kyoto.

**Michael B. Preston**, Director of CMTS, is still working to complete the update of his book (with Bruce Cain) on Racial and Ethnic Politics in California. He has currently finished his article on the "Symbolic Nature of Affirmative Action" for the book and is writing an article for the Lusk Review on "Do We Have A National Urban Policy."

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(See announcement on publication of the proceedings under "CMTS Publications.") The theme of this years conference was "*Beyond Diaspora From The Global Perspective: Focusing On Asia Pacific.*" A scholarly publication based on the conference papers is being planned, as well as a follow-up conference in Seoul, Korea in 1998.

### "COLORFUL FLAGS" PROJECT EXPANDED

Under the leadership of Dr. Renford Reese, the highly successful "Colorful Flags" project has been enlarged to new areas and new groups. This innovative human relations project provides free-of-charge multilingual, multiracial sensitivity training to community groups, law enforcement personnel and school districts.

### CMTS CO-HOSTS A MINI-CONFERENCE ON THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CIVIL UNREST IN LOS ANGELES, APRIL 29, 1997

The theme of the important full day mini-conference is "*Race, Ethnicity And The Media.*" A distinguished group of scholars and practitioner panelists are being assembled. The event is co-hosted by the Jesse M. Unruh Institute, the Annenberg School for Communication, and the Department of Sociology. Please call the Center at **(213) 740-1068** to make a reservation and obtain further information. Space is limited, please call immediately.

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***CMTS Announces Its Second Publication:***

**A New Beginning:  
Kim Dae-jung Remembers His Political Career**

Edited by George Oakley Totten III  
Translated by Young Jack Lee and Yong Mok Kim

This is a fresh new translation of the memoirs of South Korean political leader Kim Dae-jung. Kim has been instrumental in bringing democracy to South Korea. This book is his recollections of a long political life, written shortly after he announced his retirement from politics in 1993. Kim was a top candidate for the Korean presidency several times. For his efforts in bringing political freedom to Korea, and his work for Korean reunification, he was nominated for the Noble Peace Prize four times. This is the first and only English edition of this work. Forword by Former U.S. Ambassador James R. Lilly and Afterword by U.S. Senator Alan Cranston.

*If you would like to order your copy of A New Beginning or Community in Crisis, or know of anyone who might be interested in the books or in receiving our Newsletter, please fill out and return this form. We would also welcome any comments you may have regarding this Newsletter or our Center's programs in general.*

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