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MEDIA ALERT

IDA B. WELLS GRANDSON CONTINUES CIVIL RIGHTS LEGACY

Troy Duster Speaks To Activism At UIC Great Cities Institute

WHAT: Echoing the voice of social justice crusader, **Ida B. Wells**, grandson **Troy Duster** speaks at **UIC Great Cities Institute** on the importance of continuing the struggle for justice through social activism.

Duster will argue that the struggle for justice, depends on civic engagement as the fundamental element of democracy. Yet civic engagement is often low on the agenda of Americans and only comes about when events force people to become involved and engaged.

Presented by the **Great Cities Institute (GCI)** of the **University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC)** as part of its ongoing series on issues impacting the social vitality and quality of life of cities and communities.

WHO: **Professor Troy Duster**
Chancellor's Professor at the Warren Institute on Law and Social Policy, U of C, Berkeley, CA
Emeritus Silver Professor of Sociology, New York University, N.Y.

Duster's research has focused on the social and political implications of developments in human molecular genetics. He has served as president of the American Sociological Association, chair of the Board of the Association of American Colleges and Universities, member and chair of the joint National Institutes of Health/Department of Energy Advisory Committee on Ethical, Legal and Social Issues in the Human Genome Project and on the Research Advisory Committee of the Innocence Project.

WHEN: **Presentation & Reception -- Attendance is free**
Engaged Learning As The Bridge To Civic Engagement
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 10, 2013

WHERE: **UIC Student Center East, Room 302**
750 Halsted St.
Chicago, IL 60607

WHY: People must engineer progress toward social justice with a passion that invariably forces a movement. Key to civic engagement is integrating engaged learning into curriculum that bridges students with communities, and connects individuals and social issues to prepare them for their role in social activism.

As part of the University of Illinois at Chicago's College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs (CUPPA), the **Great Cities Institute (GCI)** is a research hub, incubator and convener, whose mission is to sponsor research, service, and educational programs aimed at improving the quality of life of people living in Chicago, its metropolitan region, and other great cities of the world.

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