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## **Library Event Rediscovered Hartford and New England's "Forgotten Cities"**

*Trinity Scholars Discuss New Anthology on Region's Evolving Urban Centers*

HARTFORD, Connecticut (November 22, 2013) – In honor of the publication of the anthology *Confronting Urban Legacy: Rediscovering Hartford and New England's Forgotten Cities*, Hartford Public Library presents a panel discussion examining cultural and economic shifts affecting the region's cities.

At 6:00 PM on Thursday, December 5, in the Hartford History Center at the Downtown Library, guests will hear from Xiangming Chen, Dean and Director of the Center for Urban and Global Studies (CUGS) at Trinity College and co-editor of *Confronting Urban Legacy*, Jack Dougherty, Trinity College Associate Professor of Educational Studies, and Louise Simmons, UCONN Professor of Community Organization and Chair of Urban Issues in Social Work. The panel of contributors will discuss the findings of the anthology, the first academic book to specifically analyze Hartford and other small cities and regions in New England.

Taking an interdisciplinary approach, *Confronting Urban Legacy* includes contributions from sociologists, anthropologists, historians, political scientists, and community leaders, including Hartford Courant columnist and editorial writer Tom Condon, Capitol Region Council of Governments Executive Director Lyle Wray, and Jason Rojas, Trinity's Director of Community Relations.

Copies of *Confronting Urban Legacy* will be available for purchase. Light refreshments begin at 5:30 p.m. and the program is free and open to the public. For more information, please call 860-695-6365 or email [rfrieder@hplct.org](mailto:rfrieder@hplct.org).

### **About [Hartford History Center](#)**

The Hartford History Center is a special collection of books, photographs, manuscripts and ephemera relating to over 300 years of community life in Connecticut's capital city. The HHC is home to the Hartford Collection, which includes works by Mark Twain, Lydia Huntley Sigourney, Thomas Tryon, Noah Webster, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Chuck Stone and Wallace Stevens. The Hartford History Center is located on the third floor of the Hartford Public Library at 500 Main Street and is open Tuesday-Friday 1:00pm-5:00pm. Visit <http://hhc.hplct.org/>.

**About [Hartford Public Library](#)**

The Hartford Public Library traces its roots to 1774. It operates 10 locations and a Library-on-Wheels in the City of Hartford. The Library receives more than 860,000 visits per year. Services include access to a large collection of materials for reading and research, as well as music and video. Programs provide education, information and enrichment to the people of Hartford in such areas as citizenship training, literacy, business skills and cultural awareness. The mission of Hartford Public Library is to provide free resources that inspire reading, guide learning, and encourage individual exploration. Visit [hplct.org](http://hplct.org) and the library's new blog at [blogs.hplct.org](http://blogs.hplct.org).

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