Jane Addams College of Social Work

May 10, 2013

Class of 2013

PROCESSIONAL  Jane Addams Graduates, Faculty, and Administration
OPENING REMARKS  Faith Johnson Bonecutter
“AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL”  Lillian Murphy
GREETINGS  Creasie Finney Hairston
GREETINGS FROM THE UNIVERSITY  Mitra Dutta
INTRODUCTION OF FACULTY  Faith Johnson Bonecutter
INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER  Creasie Finney Hairston
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS  Joel L. Rubin, MSW, CAE
PRESENTATION OF PHD CANDIDATES (see list on page 47)  Jonathan Art
Conferral of PhD Degrees  Creasie Finney Hairston
Hooding and Presentation of Doctoral Graduates  Jane Addams College Faculty
PRESENTATION OF MSW CANDIDATES (see list on page 47)  Faith Johnson Bonecutter
Conferral of MSW Degrees  Creasie Finney Hairston
Presentation of MSW Graduates  Jane Addams College Administration
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GREETING  Arlene Norsym, MBA
RESPONSE FROM THE CLASS OF 2013  Pheasant Weber
CLOSING REMARKS  Creasie Finney Hairston
RECESSIONAL  All

Audience is requested to remain seated until the academic recession is completed. Reception to follow in the tent adjacent to the Harrison Street Parking Structure.
Joel L. Rubin (MSW ’83) has served as the executive director of the 8,000-member Illinois chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) since October of 1999. He is a certified association executive (CAE) and has over 25 years of not-for-profit management and fundraising experience, including extensive work with boards of directors, committees and volunteers, and advocacy around a wide variety of social work, human service, and international political issues.

Mr. Rubin earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in comparative politics from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and his Master of Social Work degree from Jane Addams College of Social Work. He is an active member of the Jane Addams College of Social Work Alumni Board, currently serving as board treasurer, and he teaches as an adjunct professor at Jane Addams and at other schools of social work in the Chicago area.

Mr. Rubin is a graduate of the Wexner Heritage Fellowship Leadership Program and is active in his community, serving as a commissioner on the Public Safety Commission for the Village of Skokie.
STUDENT GOVERNMENT OFFICERS

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The Alumni Association Constituency Board supports and promotes the educational, social, and charitable interests of the college and works in partnership with the University of Illinois Alumni Association to encourage alumni engagement.

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JANE ADDAMS COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK MISSION

The mission of Jane Addams College of Social Work is to educate professional social workers, develop knowledge, and provide leadership in the development and implementation of policies and services on behalf of the poor, the oppressed, racial and ethnic minorities, and other at-risk urban populations.

JANE ADDAMS 1860–1935

The original site of the Jane Addams Hull-House, Chicago’s first settlement house, is located on the campus of UIC. Jane Addams, the founder of Hull-House and recipient of the 1931 Nobel Peace Prize, was an advocate and organizer on behalf of immigrants, women, children, and other vulnerable groups. She was a social innovator, able to bridge differences of class, race, and culture in order to solve community problems. She founded the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom and helped establish the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), and other progressive organizations. The Jane Addams College of Social Work at UIC continues to build on the great legacy of its namesake. In addition, the very presence of Hull-House on campus, now a museum, is a powerful reminder that tremendous social conditions and challenges remain that require social change and intervention for the most disenfranchised individuals.