

Greetings UDCers!

The Local Conference Coordinating Committee for the 2010 meeting of the Union for Democratic Communications looks forward to welcoming you to State College in October.

Our call for participation in the conference, "Democratic Communications, Equal Rights & Global Justice," drew a richly diverse array of provocative and passionate proposals, and we are excited about what promises to be an informative and inspired gathering.

We have posted a preliminary program to facilitate your travel plans—although we hope most folks will be able to attend the entire conference.

As you'll see, an opening reception is planned for the evening of Thursday, October 14, and all panels are scheduled for Friday and Saturday. Peter Hart of FAIR and EXTRA! will speak on Friday night and Robert McChesney will accept the Dallas Smythe Award and deliver a keynote address Saturday morning. We'll close with one of the UDC's legendary dinner & dance parties Saturday night, and hold our business meeting Sunday morning.

Looking ahead, one of the most important matters of business is to determine a site for our next conference. So even if you are unable to attend the meeting, please let us know your thoughts during the conference. If you think you can offer a venue, past (and present!) coordinators will be happy to help.

Basic information about registration, travel and lodging is posted here. A detailed program, along with specific instructions for online and hard copy registration, will be up soon. Please check this site regularly for updates and answers to FAQs between now and October.

One more thing: In evaluating proposals, the Committee strove for inclusiveness and diversity, and in forming panels we strove for thematic coherence. These goals were sometimes at odds with each other. In any case, all panels have been allotted 1 hour + 45 minutes, and most have four or five participants. Please plan to limit your presentation to **15 minutes** so that everyone has an

opportunity to share their ideas and to allow time for questions and discussion afterward.

Again, we look forward to meeting or reuniting with you in October. Please feel free to contact the Committee through me at jlh26@psu.edu.

All the best,

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