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BROWN BAG SEMINAR

Dr. Paul R. Carr

Lakehead University (Orillia, ON)

Education Tower 830 (TERA)

2500 University Drive NW

University of Calgary

Thursday, December 16, 2010

Noon – 1:00 pm

Crafting a New Democracy: Elections, Reality Shows, and Social Justice

Dr. Carr invites his audience to consider the following questions:

- We instinctively believe that we live in a democracy because we have elections, but how do we actually *do* democracy?
- Can we have democracy when there is homelessness, racism, sexism, poverty, homophobia, and questionable warfare?
- Is democracy something that is attained, or must it be linked to education? If so, what kind of education?

In sharing his research on democracy and education, Dr. Carr seeks to develop a framework related to crafting a new democracy.



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Dr. Paul R. Carr is Associate Professor in the Departments of Sociology and Interdisciplinary Studies at Lakehead University (Orillia). He is author of several books and articles on citizenship, democracy and social justice issues, with his latest book, *Does Your Vote Count? Critical Pedagogy and Democracy* due out in December. He co-edited (with Darren Lund) the award-winning *The Great White North? Exploring Whiteness, Privilege and Identity in Education* (Sense, 2007), and *Doing Democracy: Striving for Political Literacy and Social Justice* (Peter Lang, 2008). He is Co-Director of the *Global Doing Democracy Research Project*, which involved democratic education projects in 15 countries.

Everyone is welcome. Coffee and light snacks will be provided.
Contact Dr. Darren Lund dlund@ucalgary.ca for more information.