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Public Lecture: Truth and Communication (Mar 19)



False descriptions of child prostitution ring run by Hillary Clinton that is presented as actual news stories later turn out to be "fake news". White House Counselor Kellyanne Conway characterizes the misrepresentations of the size of the audience at the inauguration of President Donald Trump as "alternative facts". These events in recent American public discourse have led to concerns that we are entering a "post-truth" society. But what exactly is truth, and why should we care about it?

Come and join **Chris Kennedy**, William H. Colvin Professor of Linguistics at the University of Chicago, for a public lecture to examine the role of a truth convention in language: the foundational role it plays in meaning and communication, the ways that it is sometimes bypassed to make communication more efficient, and the ways in which it can be exploited for the purpose of deception or obtusation.

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Cross Cultural Perspectives On Decision Making In Medicine and Surgery (Mar 14 & 15)



The 2-day conference organized by the University of Chicago Medicine and Macleod Caillard has invited distinguished speakers from the United States and Hong Kong to discuss on how doctors and patients make decision for both medical and surgical treatments. It focuses on the doctor-patient relationship and how it differs between specialties, surgery, medicine and pediatrics; and between the United States and China.

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Old World, Long Lives, Small Families: Scary or Brilliant? (Mar 1)

**Old World, Long Lives, Small Families: Scary or Brilliant?**  
How global population shift changes every important relationship we have personal, economic and geopolitical?  
Speaker: Ted C. Fishman  
Date: Mar 1, 2017  
Time: 18:30 - 20:15  
Venue: The Hong Kong Management Association, Rm 302, 3/F, Fica Tower, 88 Gloucester Road, Wai Chai, Hong Kong.

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