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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. CoVlin 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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Summer Program for High School Students (Jul 17-28)

The University of Chicago fosters a community of thinkers who ask tough questions and embrace new ideas. Now high school students in Hong Kong can experience what it is like to be a part of our community without leaving home.



The UChicago Arts & Sciences Summer Programs in Hong Kong, Beijing and Bengaluru are now open for application. The topic for Hong Kong will be "Imaging the Modern City" and the deadline of application is May 1, 2017.

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Social Enterprise Initiative Updates



In Hong Kong last month, an expert panel convened by Chicago Booth's Social Enterprise Initiative (SEI) debated the best strategies to raise money for business ventures in Asia and the US. The event titled "Venture Fundraising - Comparing Silicon Valley & Asia" featured a faculty lecture from Waverly Deutsch, Clinical Professor of Entrepreneurship at the Chicago Booth, and was attended by nearly 100 UChicago alumni and community members.

Mark on your diary the next event "Chicago Booth Nonprofit Board Forum" on Apr 26, 2017.

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