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A NEW BOOK ON HARTFORD

Following its first book Rethinking Global Urbanism: Comparative Insights from Secondary Cities (edited by Xiangming Chen and Ahmad Kanna, Routledge, 2012), CUGS is bringing out Confronting Urban Legacy: Rediscovering Hartford and New England’s Forgotten Cities (edited by Xiangming Chen and Nick Bacon ’10, Lexington Books) in October 2013. In a field saturated with research on global cities and megacities, Confronting Urban Legacy is the first academic book to analyze specifically small cities and regions in New England. Focusing on the dynamic urban/global legacy of Hartford, Connecticut, the volume is bolstered by comparative chapters on Portland, Maine, Lawrence, Massachusetts and Springfield, Massachusetts. The contributors to the book include six Trinity faculty members, one Trinity staff member, two recent Trinity graduates (one of whom is the book’s co-editor and a contributor to four chapters), one Trinity alumnus from the 1970s, two scholars from other institutions, and three prominent government, media, and business leaders from the city of Hartford.

REVIEWS...

JAMES F. JONES JR, President, Trinity College

“What is striking about this latest book from Trinity’s Center for Urban and Global Studies is the breadth of the offerings: the fascinating chapters that delve into the complexities of urban life as it has unfolded in Trinity’s home city of Hartford over time…”

SHARON ZUKIN, Prof. of Sociology, CUNY, NY

“This region is thoroughly global and highly problematic, divided between poor cities and rich suburbs; ethnic groups representing the Caribbean, Africa, and the US South… Here, in a microcosm, is urban society.”

BRUCE KATZ, Vice President, Brookings Institution

“...Chen and Bacon compile a rich and original set of research that positions Hartford and similar small New England cities firmly on the global stage. This is a great platform for rebirth and renewal.”

PEDRO E. SEGARRA, Mayor, City of Hartford

“Given the current challenges facing cities like Hartford, the content of this volume provides ample fuel for further research and public discussion on the twenty-first century futures of cities like Hartford.”