What IS Knowledge in the Service of Society?
A Symposium

Friday, February 2, 2007 • 1:30pm-5:30pm • Doris Duke Center

Duke’s new Strategic Plan, Making a Difference, highlights “Knowledge in the Service of Society” as one of six enduring themes that define the University and shape our strategic priorities. Duke seeks to harness “the power of higher learning for the larger social good to meet the world’s great needs.” This vision raises issues about the relation between knowledge and society (Should knowledge serve society?), the practice of translating between theory and practice (Is it a two-way street?), and the educational purposes a commitment to service entails (How does service enhance rather than detract from the generation of knowledge?).

At the Symposium, President Brodhead, Provost Lange, Duke faculty and students will assess these issues and explore what a commitment to “making a difference” means for departments and disciplines, the barriers to and opportunities for advancing civic engagement and translational research, and the relation between civic engagement and campus culture.

Please RSVP to kie@duke.edu by Monday, Jan. 29. Participants may attend all or part of the symposium.

1:30-1:40PM: WELCOME & INTRODUCTION
Noah Pickus – Kenan Institute for Ethics; Public Policy

1:40-2:45PM: KNOWLEDGE & SOCIETY
Phil Costanzo (Moderator) – Psychology & Neuroscience; Center for Child & Family Policy
President Richard Brodhead
Robert Cook-Deegan – Genome, Ethics, Law and Policy Center; Public Policy
Ruth Grant – Political Science; Philosophy
Sam Wells – Duke Chapel; Divinity School

3:00-4:00PM: FACULTY & TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH
Provost Peter Lange (Moderator)
Barry Myers – Engineering; Medicine
Tim Profeta – Nicholas Institute
Priscilla Wald – English; Trent Center for Bioethics, History, and Humanities
Wendy Wood – Psychology; Social Science Research Institute

4:00-5:00PM: STUDENTS & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT
Marie Lynn Miranda (Moderator) – Nicholas School
Alma Blount – Hart Leadership Program, Public Policy
Sarah Gordon T’08
Eric Mlyn – Robertson Scholars Program
Bob Thompson – Trinity College

5:00-5:30PM: LOOKING BACK & LOOKING FORWARD
Andrew Cunningham T’08
Elizabeth Kiss – Agnes Scott College
Michael Merson – Global Health Institute
Noah Pickus – Kenan Institute for Ethics; Public Policy

Please call (919) 660-3033 or email kie@duke.edu with any questions about the event.