Citizenship in the Twenty-First Century: a faculty seminar in winter/spring 2007

What communities can claim your citizenship? Do you owe duties of justice and care to people living beyond the borders of your nation? How does one become a citizens—is it a matter of blood, labor, service, or mere geography? What duties are required of citizens? Are loyalty and national pride still civic virtues?

As global economic, environmental and political relations become increasingly complex, the questions surrounding citizenship demand our attention. To that end, we invite faculty from Carleton and St. Olaf to participate in a 4-part workshop exploring the theory and practice of citizenship in a globalizing world. Members of the Carleton and St. Olaf political science departments, along with distinguished visiting speakers, will lead our discussions:

Thursday, FEB 15th: WHAT IS A CITIZEN?

Caroline Danielson, Policy Analyst, Public Policy Institute of California, will lead a discussion of the history and meaning of American citizenship

Thursday, MARCH 8th: IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALISM

Kathy Tegtmeyer Pak, Freeman Assistant Professor of Asian Politics at St. Olaf College and Carolyn Wong, Assistant Professor of Political Science at Carleton College will lead this discussion

Thursday, APRIL 12th: GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

Kathryn Sikkink, professor of political science at the University of Minnesota, will give a public lecture at St. Olaf on global citizenship and transnational movements, such as the environmental movement and join us for dinner and conversation.

Thursday, MAY 3rd: THE STATE AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Meetings will take place at Carleton (Alumni Guest House meeting room, corner of First and College Streets) and St. Olaf, beginning at 6:00 pm (dinner is included). You may sign up for as many sessions as you like; participants from Carleton will receive a stipend.