



Possible new Summer Institute in Leadership Arts, June 29-July 1, 2010

Apologies if you are receiving this notice twice, but an unexpected learning opportunity has presented itself and we would like to invite you to join us in it. Peter Koestenbaum, noted philosopher, and author of *The Inner Side of Greatness*, will be in Chicago June 29 - July 1. For years, Peter and Dick Axelrod, author of the best selling, *Terms of Engagement: Changing The Way We Change Organizations*, have taught in the Leadership Arts program at the University of Chicago Graham School of General Studies. Because Peter will be in Chicago in June, we want to take advantage of his presence, and we have decided to offer an intensive three-day Summer Institute in Leadership Arts.

We especially want to reach out to University of Chicago alumni, graduates from the Leadership Arts Certificate, and others who are familiar with our unique blend of philosophy and practical leadership knowledge. Peter and Dick will be joined by Barbara Geiger, a leading expert on the work of Daniel Burnham, who will use Burnham's Plan of Chicago as a jumping off point to talk about how to anticipate the future, not merely respond to the present. The uniqueness of this course is that it brings together literature, philosophy, and workplace-ready application in one three-day workshop. Our belief is the answers to today's leadership issues won't be found in the latest pop leadership book. The answer lies in applying lessons learned from literature and philosophy to today's leadership issues. This is a thinking person's leadership course. For those of you who don't know, Peter Koestenbaum's book *The Inner Side of Greatness* is a classic.

Because this is not a planned offering, we must decide by June 1 whether we will go forward with the course. So, if you think you might join us, please contact: Steve Laymon, Associate Dean, Graduate and Professional Programs Graham School of General Studies, University of Chicago, 773.702.0467, or by email at slaymon@uchicago.edu. *Contacting us is not an obligation to attend; we are simply trying to gauge whether there is sufficient interest to take advantage of Peter's presence in Chicago.*

Here is a brief course description:

Our modern dilemmas, from ethical decision making to balancing strategic choices, have been brought to life by our early teachers and philosophers. Your instructors will bring you to the ancient origins of leadership. You will examine such topics as ethics, vision, reality, and courage from their origins until today. The dialogue will be enhanced by weaving vivid examples from the great classics and relating them to today's dilemmas. You will engage in facilitated discussion and exercises and apply the topics to your current leadership. Pre-session reading is required. By the end of this session, you will be able to: Understand the core of leadership in a thought-provoking manner by means of the classics. Apply leadership essentials to current issues. Redefine your perspectives. Identify required leadership behaviors. Activate and incorporate key leadership behaviors into daily work.

We look forward to hearing from you by June 1...

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