We write to invite you to participate in Interdisciplinary Futures: A Symposium to Celebrate 60 Years of the ILA to be held October 24 and 25, 2013 on the Emory University campus.

Interdisciplinary Futures: A Symposium to Celebrate 60 Years of the ILA will begin Thursday evening with a lecture by Dr. Robert Pippin, Evelyn Stefansson Nef Distinguished Service Professor of Social Thought and Philosophy at the University of Chicago’s Committee on Social Thought, one of the most distinguished interdisciplinary institutes in the country. Pippin’s talk, “Transdisciplinarity, Interdisciplinarity, Reductive Disciplinarity, and Deep Disciplinarity,” will link his scholarly work to reflections on the importance of interdisciplinary perspectives in today’s changing university landscape.

The symposium will continue on October 25 with a full day of roundtable discussions facilitated by some of the ILA’s notable alumni. Join a conversation focused on what interdisciplinary training and scholarship make possible on both an institutional and intellectual level, with a special focus on how interdisciplinarity enables innovation. The day will culminate with a panel discussion that builds on the roundtables, summarizing the key points raised at the tables and exploring ways these ideas can contribute to the practice of interdisciplinarity at Emory and elsewhere.

Interdisciplinary Futures: A Symposium to Celebrate 60 Years of the ILA is free and open to all. Registration is required by October 15, 2013 for the table topic of your choice. Registration information can be found at http://ila.emory.edu/home/interdisciplinary-futures/index.html.

October 24, 2013

Opening Reception: Jones Room, Woodruff Library, 5:00 PM
Keynote: Dr. Robert Pippin (University of Chicago), “Transdisciplinarity, Interdisciplinarity, Reductive Disciplinarity, and Deep Disciplinarity,” Jones Room, Woodruff Library, 6:00 PM

October 25, 2013

Participatory Roundtable Sessions (Lunch Provided): Carlos Museum Reception Hall, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Join a conversation led by ILA alumni from across the country on the nature and future of interdisciplinarity.
Closing Reception: Brooks Commons, Cannon Chapel, 5:00 PM

We hope to see you there!