



IMPACT Symposium 2013

Spring 2013

On the Limits and Promise of Prediction

With the support of the Embrey Family Foundation and the Richard B. Johnson Center for Economic Studies

Predicting the Unpredictable

Thursday, March 21, 11:30-3pm, Mack Ballroom, Umphrey Lee Center (lunch included)

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Susan Hough, (Author & Scientist, Southern California Earthquake Center)

Moderator: Jan Hart Black: former City Manager and former head of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce

This IMPACT Symposium will engage in an interdisciplinary conversation about the power of prediction—its promise as well as its limitations, focusing in particular on energy, the environment, and economics

Dr Hough received her A.B. in Geophysics from the University of California, Berkeley and her PhD in Earth Sciences from the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California, San Diego. She is currently the Scientist-in-Charge, U.S. Geological Survey, Pasadena, CA. In addition to being the author of over 90 peer-reviewed journal articles, Dr. Hough is the author of five books. Her most recent book is titled Predicting the Unpredictable: The Tumultuous Science of Earthquake Prediction (Princeton, 2009).

1:00-1:50: Macrotrends: Long-Range Forecasting

Confirmed panelists:

- Professor Mike Davis, Cox School of Business
- Professor James L. Smith, Cox School of Business
- Professor Neil Tabor, Huffington Department of Earth Sciences

2:00-2:50: Microtrends: Big Data

Confirmed panelists:

- Professor Tom Fomby, Department of Economics
- Professor Elfi Kraka, Department of Chemistry
- Richard Rodts, Manager, Solution Specialist Team, IBM

Fall 2013

The Art of Compromise

With the support of the Embrey Family Foundation

Compromise or Appeasement? Proslavery Political Triumphs, 1787 to 1861

Day One: Tuesday, October 22, 2013

featuring Paul Finkelman,

President William McKinley Distinguished Professor of Law, Albany Law School

To listen to the audio recording of the lecture, [click here](#).

Day Two: Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Moderator:

Krys Boyd, Host of *Think* for KERA Radio

Panelists:

Calvin C. Jillson, Department of Political Science, Dedman College

Edward F. Countryman, William P. Clements Department of History, Dedman College

Chris R. Logan, Department of Psychology, Dedman College

Daniel Rainey, Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education & Human Development

To listen to the audio recording of the panel discussion, [click here](#).