



## NEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS AT THE CENTER FOR THE HUMANITIES

**MADISON, Wis. (September 6, 2018)** – The University of Wisconsin-Madison Center for the Humanities is pleased to welcome three new members to its advisory committee: Cindy I-Fen Cheng, Mustafa Emirbayer, and Steve Paulson.

Cindy I-Fen Cheng is associate professor of history at UW-Madison. Her first book, *Citizens of Asian America: Democracy and Race during the Cold War* (New York University Press, 2013), won the Asian Pacific American Librarians Association’s Award for Literature in Adult Non-Fiction. She edited *The Routledge Handbook of Asian American Studies* (Routledge, 2016) and has also published numerous articles that have appeared in the *American Quarterly*, *Journal of Asian American Studies*, and other academic journals and anthologies.

Mustafa Emirbayer is Conway-Bascom Professor of Sociology at UW-Madison. His interdisciplinary work spans pragmatist philosophy and social theory, studies of civil society and the public sphere, cultural analysis, relational sociology, and psychoanalytic theory. He has published essays on classical and contemporary sociological theory and recently completed a two-volume project on race in America: *Race in America* (W.W. Norton), an undergraduate textbook, and *The Racial Order* (University of Chicago Press), for a scholarly readership and which was awarded the Theory Prize by the American Sociological Association, Theory Section.

Steve Paulson is the Executive Producer and a founder of *To The Best Of Our Knowledge*, a nationally-syndicated, award-winning radio show. He has contributed to Salon and Nautilus and has written for Slate, Huffington Post, and The Atlantic. His radio reports have also been broadcast on NPR’s *Morning Edition* and *All Things Considered*. His book, *Atoms and Eden: Conversations on Religion & Science*, was published by Oxford University Press in 2010. Paulson marks a new era of public humanists participating in the Center’s advisory committee.

Advisory committee members serve a three-year appointment and help shape the Center’s initiatives and programs to ensure they serve the needs and interests of the UW-Madison campus and the Madison community in nourishing and showcasing the best in humanities scholarship, teaching, and public engagement. In recent years, with the support of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the Center has launched projects focused on the public humanities and an integrated undergraduate curriculum. Cheng, Emirbayer, and Paulson join the Center’s other advisory committee members, including: Faisal Abdu’Allah, John Baldacchino (ex officio), Christy Clark-Pujara, John Dunne, Gregg Mitman (currently serving as Interim Director of the Center for the Humanities), Lisa Martin (ex officio), Névine El Nossery, Russ Shafer-Landau, Sarah Ann Wells, and Susan Zaeske (ex officio).