

AccessLetter

Cambridge Commission for
Persons with Disabilities

Harvard Law School Hosts Race and Disability Panel

A panel of advocates and academic experts explored issues around the cross-section between race and disability at a Harvard Law School event on March 31.



Rick Glassman at the Race & Disability Panel

Introducing the panel discussion was Michael A. Stein, Executive Director of the Harvard Law School Project on Disability, who observed, "disability by itself and race by itself receive a great amount of attention [but] the overlap between disability and race very infrequently gets the attention that it deserves."

Stein explained that he created the panel to look at "the idea of how race and disability interact...what happens when disability and race compound forms of discrimination and social exclusion."

One of the major themes of the panel presentation was how racial disparities intersect with disability discrimination in the housing arena.

Rick Glassman, from the Disability Law Center (DLC) in Boston, presented research he has conducted with colleagues utilizing Geographic Information Systems (GIS) data, mapping how African Americans with disabilities and other racial and ethnic minorities with disabilities are disproportionately housed in segregated neighborhoods.

Glassman explained how DLC is using this GIS data to conduct targeted outreach to people with disabilities who live in "communities that have been traditionally isolated by racial or cultural barriers."

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Disability Q&A

New ADA Rules on Service Animals



Effective March 15, 2011, the definition of service animals for the purpose of protection against discrimination under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is

restricted to *dogs* who are "individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability."

Thus, other species, regardless of whether or not trained to perform specific tasks, no longer meet the ADA definition of service animal. However, a provision has been added requiring public entities to allow the use of trained miniature horses as alternatives to dogs when reasonable. More Questions and Answers:

Q. I have a Hearing Dog who goes everywhere with me, alerting me to all kinds of sounds that I can't hear--does she still qualify as a service animal?

A. Because your Hearing Dog has been specifically trained to alert you to sounds, she still qualifies as a service animal under the ADA, ensuring you the right for her to accompany you to places of public accommodation.

Q. I own a restaurant and have reluctantly been allowing a frequent patron to bring his snake inside with him. He says that he struggles with depression and that the snake provides him with emotional comfort. I don't want to get in trouble, but do I still need to allow him to bring the snake, which is usually wrapped around his neck?

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Race & Disability (cont. from page 1)

Barbara Chandler, Fair Housing Manager for the Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership, described how people of color who also have disabilities often encounter additional barriers seeking safe, accessible and affordable housing. "One of the worst things we're trying to deal with here are attitudinal barriers that the system [imposes] to keep people with disabilities, who are also people of color, out of housing," said Chandler.

Compounding this problem, explained Chandler, is the phenomenon that the agencies set up to receive Fair Housing complaints often



Barbara Chandler makes a point at the race & disability panel

do not readily recognize the compounding effect that happens when an individual is subjected to both racial discrimination and disability discrimination. "The complaint system that we have, both on the federal and state level, tends to be set up to chop people up into little pieces," said Chandler. "They will handle it as a race and ethnicity complaint, but not [concurrently] as a disability complaint...so the individual has to choose on what grounds do they feel they were most discriminated against." From an ethical standpoint, says Chandler, "I have a real problem with that, because the people that I serve were being discriminated against on both counts, not one or the other."

The panel also examined racial disparities in the nature of interactions between people with mental disabilities, mental health providers, and other professionals. Suffolk University Law School Dean Camille Nelson discussed the results of her research looking at court records and police reports, documenting how African Americans and Latinos with mental illness (or those perceived to be mentally ill) are much more likely to have very negative street interactions with police than their white counterparts.

Since the deinstitutionalization movement of the 1970s, explained Nelson, combined with the lack of

adequate funding for services, this has resulted in "more and more people in need of mental health services on the streets." Consequently, said Nelson "Police increasingly ... have been forced to interact as triage agents... with folks on the street who are people of color who they believe have mental health issues or are mentally ill."

While many police have received training in dealing with street-level suspects with mental illness, or those perceived to be mentally ill, Nelson argues that this training hasn't gone far enough, given the role of triage agent that is being imposed on the police by the inadequacies of the mental health treatment system.

In these street interactions, described Nelson, "What police do is appropriately try to shift the person they're interacting with from the criminal realm to the medical [mental health treatment] realm." However, Nelson noted in her research that, when police use these de-escalation techniques, "That level of tolerance and restraint is reserved for suspects who are not of color."

Based on her research, Nelson noted that, in street interactions involving people of color who are perceived to have mental illness, police much more often resort to the use of disciplinary force, up to and including deadly force. "It seems as if police struggle with recognizing the need for treatment, when the person with whom they're dealing is of color," said Nelson. "They seem more inclined to be able to



Panelist Camille Nelson presents her research

recognize the need for the medical modality when the person with whom they're dealing with is white."

Nelson encouraged her colleagues in the law and criminal justice system to do more research in this area. She hopes to foster more of a dialogue on these topics between police, academics, and people with mental disabilities, in the hopes of improving both the criminal justice system and the mental health system.

Service Animals (cont. from page 1)

A. Under the new ADA regulations, a service animal has to both be a dog and be trained to perform specific tasks. Animals, including dogs and other species, who provide comfort to an individual with a disability but are not trained to perform specific tasks do not qualify as service animals under the new definition. Therefore, you may exclude the snake from your place of business.

Q. I have used a trained monkey to help me with tasks at home for the past four years. Can my building management force me to give her up or move out now?

A. Even though your monkey has been trained to perform tasks for you, she is excluded from the new ADA definition of service animal because she is not a dog. However, because you use your monkey only when you're at home, having your monkey live with you may qualify as a reasonable accommodation under the Federal Fair Housing Act if the help she provides is necessary to afford you equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling. For more information on the Fair Housing Act, contact the Boston Regional Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity at:

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. Federal Building
10 Causeway Street, Room 321
Boston, MA 02222-1092
617-994-8300 or 1-800-827-5005
617-565-5453 (TTY)

Q. What about my miniature horse? I have a visual disability and she was trained help me navigate my way around. Do I have to give her up since she's not a dog, even though she is trained to perform specific tasks?

A. Although miniature horses are not included in the ADA definition of a service animal, a provision was added to require that places of public accommodation make reasonable modifications in policies, practices, or procedures to permit the use of a miniature horse by an individual with a disability if it has been trained to work or perform tasks. However, public entities may take into consideration the type, size, and weight of the horse, as well as whether the handler has sufficient control over it, whether the horse is housebroken, and whether the horse's presence in a specific facility compromises legitimate safety requirements.



Q. I have a psychiatric service dog who nudges me when I start to dissociate. Is he still considered a service animal?

A. Because your dog has been trained to recognize when you become dissociative and to respond by nudging you to help you stay present and keep from dissociating, he is considered a service animal under the ADA. However, dogs who simply provide emotional comfort to people with psychiatric and other disabilities, but do not perform specific tasks are not covered by the ADA's definition of service animal.

Q. I don't understand how is restricting service animals to just dogs supposed to help people with disabilities?

A. Since the enactment of the ADA in 1991, there has been a significant increase in the use of wild, exotic, or unusual species for service animals. This, in addition to fraudulent claims that one's pet is a service animal, has resulted in unnecessary questioning and restriction of persons who use legitimate service animals. Restricting the definition to dogs will help deter such fraudulent claims and provide clarification to public entities on when they can exclude otherwise eligible service animals from their programs or facilities.

Q. Where can I find more information?

A. TheNew England ADA Center answers your questions about the ADA. Have a question? Email it to <ADAinfo@NewEnglandADA.org>, or call 1-800-949-4232 (Voice/TTY), visit their online FAQ page, or submit it online: <www.adaptiveenvironments.org/neada>

The U.S. Department of Justice also provides information about the ADA, including questions about service dogs, through a toll-free ADA Information Line. ADA specialists are available Monday through Friday from 9:30 AM until 5:30 PM (Eastern Time) except on Thursday when the hours are 12:30 PM until 5:30 PM. For general ADA information, answers to specific technical questions, free ADA materials, or information about filing a complaint, call: 800-514-0301 (voice) or 800-514-0383 (TTY)

You can also find a lot of information online, including the ADA regulations, at <www.ada.gov>.

Telephone Access for People with Hearing or Speech Disabilities

In recent years, telephone access for people with hearing or speech disabilities has gotten easier than ever. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) now requires that nationwide all voice service companies, e.g. Comcast, Verizon, etc. provide toll-free, three-digit 711 dialing for access to all Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS). TRS facilitates telephone conversations between people with hearing or speech disabilities and people with or without such disabilities.

TRS uses operators, called communications assistants (CAs), to facilitate telephone calls between people with hearing and speech disabilities and other individuals. A TRS call may be initiated by either a person with a hearing or speech disability, or by a person without such disability. When a person with a hearing or



speech disability initiates a TRS call, the person uses a teletypewriter (TTY) or other text input device, calls the TRS relay center, and gives the CA the number of the party that he or she wants to call. The CA in turn places an outbound traditional voice call to that party.

The CA then serves as a link for the call, relaying the text of the calling party in voice to the called party, and converting to text whatever the called party voices back to the calling party.

Dialing 711 to reach TRS makes relay access convenient, fast and uncomplicated. TRS is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week and all calls are confidential. For more information about the various types

of TRS, see the FCC's consumer fact sheet at www.fcc.gov/cgb/consumerfacts/trs.html, or visit the FCC's Disability Rights Office (DRO) at www.fcc.gov/cgb/dro.

Upcoming Events of Interest to the Disability Community (See end of Calendar for all weekly/recurring events)

- June 2 **Spaulding Riders Club** – This is a new community cycling club that is consciously inclusive of athletes with physical disabilities and seeks to help those members find the right assistive devices for them to enjoy cycling recreation on a regular basis. The Club will be hosting rides, which are open to everyone regardless of disability status, every other Thursday from Memorial Day to Labor Day (June 2, 16 & 30, July 14, 16 & 28, August 11 & 26). Please see listing under "Weekly & Recurring Events" for more details.
- June 4 **FREE Accessible Recreation Fair in Brighton** – Hosted by the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation's (DCR) Universal Access Program (UAP), this FREE rain-or-shine event is a celebration of Accessible Outdoor Recreation available for individuals with disabilities and their families and friends. Activities will include a cycling fair with an assortment of accessible cycles available for use; adaptive recreational activities, including hiking, letterboxing, face painting, interpretive programs; a D.J. and Starbucks Coffee (Bring your lunch). This is a great opportunity to learn about a multitude of accessible recreation programs offered by the UAP, as well as several other organizations, both in the Greater Boston area and beyond. This event will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Artesani Park in Brighton and pre-registration is highly recommended, especially for use of equipment. For more information or to register, call Gigi at 617-626-1294 or Marcy at 413-545-5758 or see http://www.mass.gov/dcr/universal_access.
- June 4 **FREE Training & Legal Clinic on Special Education Transition Services in English and Haitian Creole** – The Disability Law Center (DLC) will be hosting this free training for parents and youth on special education transition services for children with disabilities who are 14-22 years old. Participants will learn about their rights regarding transition services and how to start planning for transition. Following the presentation, there will afternoon clinics, offering individual consultation time with attorneys from the Disability Law Center and other legal services agencies. Haitian Creole interpreters will be present. This

training will be held from 9:30am to 3:30pm at Catholic Charities and Haitian Multi Service Center, 185 Columbia Road in Dorchester, and lunch will be provided. Pre-registration is required and may be done online at <www.dlc-ma.org> or by calling DLC at 1-800-872-9992 (voice) or 800-381-0577 (TTY). For directions, contact Catholic Charities and Haitian Multi Service Center at 617-506-6600.

- June 4 **32nd ANNUAL CAMBRIDGE RIVER FESTIVAL** – Join us for this FREE one-day celebration of the arts attracting 200,000 annually along the banks of the Charles River. Featuring jazz, folk, Latin and world music performances, dance, art demonstrations, family art-making activities and over 100 specialty food purveyors and craftspeople! There will also be a section of community tables, where local arts and cultural organizations, community groups, and other Cambridge-based nonprofit organizations will offer information on their programs and services—look for the CCPD table near the corner of JFK Street and Memorial Drive! The Festival will be held from noon to 6:00pm, rain or shine.
- June 9 **Cambridge Commission for Persons with Disabilities (CCPD) Monthly Meeting** – meets in the 2nd floor conference room at 51 Inman Street, Cambridge from 5:30pm-7pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month, unless a holiday, with opportunity for public comment. Call 617-349-4692 (voice) or 617-492-0235 (TTY) or email <kthurman@cambridgema.gov> for more information or to request accommodations.
- June 13 **Understanding Asperger Syndrome: Interventions and Strategies for Parents** – Offered by the Asperger's Association of New England (AANE), this workshop, designed for families of newly diagnosed children, describes in detail and through real-life examples, some of the most common characteristics of AS. It also includes basic information about behavioral issues, parenting strategies, disclosure and school concerns. It offers "first step" help for parents as they begin their journey as parents of a wonderfully quirky, socially awkward, sometimes precocious, often challenging child with AS. This workshop will be held from 7:00 to 9:30 pm at AANE, 85 Main St., Suite 101, Watertown, MA. Cost is \$35 for members, \$45 for non-members. For more information or to register, call 617-393-3824 or see <www.aane.org>.
- June 15 **FREE Apartment Search Workshop** – Designed for tenants who have a rental subsidy or who are able to afford market-rate rents, this free workshop is being offered by the Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership (MBHP). Participants will learn how to search for an apartment, tips for contacting property owners, information about tenants' rights under the Fair Housing laws, and more. The workshop will be held from 10:00am to 11:30am at MBHP, 125 Lincoln Street, 5th Floor, Boston (near South Station). Space is limited and pre-registration is advised. For more information, or to register, contact Valerie Puleo at 617-425-6641 or <workshops@mbhp.org>.
- June 15 **FREE Utilities Workshop** – This workshop offered by the Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership (MBHP) will provide participants with information on energy discounts, fuel assistance, payment plans, and conservation practices. The workshop will be held from 11:30am to 1:00pm at MBHP, 125 Lincoln Street, 5th Floor, Boston (near South Station). Space is limited and pre-registration is advised. For more information, or to register, contact Valerie Puleo at 617-425-6641 or <workshops@mbhp.org>.
- June 11 **Beep Baseball, Accessible Baseball for Blind and Visually Impaired Youth** – Hosted by Our Space Our Place, Inc., families with visually impaired youth ages 6-18 (siblings, too!) are invited to come play beep baseball from 10:00 a.m. to noon in the Back Bay Fens at Cobe Softball Field on Park Drive, Boston. This form of baseball is played with standard softball bats, a ball that emits an audible beep tone, and two bases which emit an audible buzzing sound, and all players are blindfolded to equalize each player's degree of visual impairment. This event is FREE, but interested families should call and leave a message at 617-459-4084 indicating the number of people who will be coming. For more information and directions, please call or visit <www.ourplaceourspace.org>.
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- June 18 **Disability Reframed: A Community Film Series presents "Gunsmoke"** – Join us for another FREE screening exploring the unique history of disability culture in film and TV. We will watch and discuss episodes from television's biggest TV series in the 1950s: "Gunsmoke." Hero Marshal Matt Dillon's limping jailer and second gun, Chester Goode, was the most beloved disabled character in television history. Through nine seasons, decathlon champion and 'Method' actor Dennis Weaver's Emmy-winning portrayal of 'Chester' became one of the most unforgettable roles on television -- yet the series' story content avoided disability entirely, presenting a striking paradox of both exploitation and denial that exposed social attitudes of the time. We will share, dismantle, and also celebrate this unique bit of disability history. This event, which will be hosted by a recognized authority on 'Gunsmoke' history, and by a local media activist from the disability community, will be held from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Citywide Senior Center, 806 Massachusetts Ave. in Central Square, Cambridge. This is a free public event; bring your friends! The site is wheelchair accessible. No need to RSVP. For questions, contact the Cambridge Commission for Persons with Disabilities at 617-349-4692 (Voice), 617-492-0235 (TTY) or email <kthurman@cambridgema.gov> or visit "Disability Reframed: A Community Film Series" on Facebook.
- July 11 **Understanding Asperger Syndrome: Interventions and Strategies for Parents** – Please see June 13 listing for details.
- July 14 **Cambridge Commission for Persons with Disabilities (CCPD) Monthly Meeting** – meets in the 2nd floor conference room at 51 Inman Street, Cambridge from 5:30pm-7pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month, unless a holiday, with opportunity for public comment. Call 617-349-4692 (voice) or 617-492-0235 (TTY) or email <kthurman@cambridgema.gov> for more information or to request accommodations.
- July 20 **VSAM Zestival: Bunny Hop across South Station with VSAM and Sidewalk Sam!** – VSA Massachusetts invites poets, painters, chalk artists, dancers, musicians, actors, and anyone willing to share their love of the arts to help create a VSA "Zestival." The VSA Zestival will feature Sidewalk Sam, a popular folk artist who has created chalk drawings and public arts events on the streets of Boston for 40 years, and a "Flash Mob" spontaneous public dance - the "Bunny Hop" - at South Station and Dewey Square plaza. Hundreds of people will dance the Bunny Hop together in an expression of creativity and diversity. Besides joining the bunny hop, Sidewalk Sam will be drawing a giant chalk artwork. "Quickie Performances" of music, dance and poetry will also be presented in front of South Station and on Dewey Square Plaza. The Zestival will be held from noon to 6pm in Boston's Dewey Square Plaza, just outside the MBTA South Station. Raindate is July 22. Interested participants should contact Sidewalk Sam at <sidewalk@sidewalksam.com>. For more information, contact VSAM at <rsvp@vsamass.org> or by phone at 617-350-7713 (voice), 617-350-6536 (TTY) or 866-552-4796 (Videophone).
- July 20 **FREE Apartment Search Workshop** – This workshop will be held from 10am to 11:30am. Please see June 15 listing for details, and note that space is limited; pre-registration is advised.
- July 20 **FREE Utilities Workshop** – This workshop will be held from 11:30am to 1:00pm. Please see June 15 listing for details, and note that space is limited; pre-registration is advised.
- July 26 **FREE Affordable Housing 101 Workshop** – This workshop, which is offered by the Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership (MBHP), is open only to tenants seeking information about their affordable housing options. Participants will learn about the criteria, application process, and waiting list for various affordable housing programs. The workshop will be held from 10:00am to 11:30am at MBHP, 125 Lincoln Street, 5th Floor, Boston (near South Station). Space is limited and pre-registration is advised. For more information, or to register, contact Valerie Puleo at 617-425-6641 or <workshops@mbhp.org>.
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Weekly & Recurring Events

Ongoing by Appointment

Injured Worker Support Meetings – Meetings are scheduled by appointment, often the 1st Wednesday of the month, 5:15 - 6:45 pm. Meetings/appointments usually take place at 650 Beacon Street, Kenmore Square, Boston, 4th Floor Conference Room. Volunteers provide resources and support. For more information or to set up a meeting, call 617-247-6827, or go to <www.rsiaction.org>.

Mondays

NAMI Connection – a support group for adults with mental illness sponsored by the National Alliance on Mental Illness, meets every Monday, 1-2:30 p.m. at the Cambridge Somerville Recovery Learning Center, 153 South St, 2nd Floor in Somerville. The group is free and open to all who self-identify as having a mental illness, regardless of diagnosis. For more information, contact Janel Tan at 617-863-5388 or <tanj@vinfen.org>.

Tuesdays

Boston Voice Users – this group for people who use speech recognition or dictation software meets from 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at MIT in Building 2, Rm.135. To find out more about meetings and discussions go to <www.bostonvoiceusers.org>.

Wednesdays

Access Advisory Committee to the MBTA (AACT) meets 1 – 3 p.m. at the State Transportation Building, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, 2nd floor Conference Room #2 on the 4th Wednesday of each month. Call 617-973-7507 voice or 617-973-7089 TTY or email <aact@ctps.org> for more information or to request interpreters. Security measures require proper ID for access to meetings.

DBSA-Boston (Depression Bipolar Support Alliance of Boston) Support Group meets every Wednesday evening, 7 - 9 p.m. at McLean Hospital in Belmont (de Marneffe Building, 1st floor lobby). Includes a lecture on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. Call 617-855-2795 or see <www.dbsaboston.org> for more information.

Feeling for Form Introductory Tour of MFA for blind & low vision visitors – The Museum of Fine Arts (MFA) in Boston offers a series of introductory one-on-one guided tours to the Museum and its collections for blind and low vision individuals who want to build a deeper relationship with the Museum. Each monthly session focuses on a different collection and includes wayfinding and verbal description of spaces. These tours are given on the 1st Sunday of the month at 10:30 am and the 3rd Wednesday at 6:30 pm. Individuals can attend one or more sessions, whichever interests them. Guided tours can also be scheduled at other times. Pre-registration is not required unless a visitor needs a sighted guide or other access accommodation. Contact Valerie Burrows at 617-369-3302 or <vburrows@mfa.org> to register. Call 617-369-3189 or email <access@mfa.org> or go to <www.mfa.org> for more information. The MFA is located at 465 Huntington Avenue in Boston, and is accessible by the Green line "E" train to the "Museum of Fine Arts" stop, or the Orange line train to the "Ruggles" stop.

Free introductory tour of MFA in sign language & with assistive listening devices – A new monthly offering at the Museum of Fine Arts (MFA) in Boston for people who are Deaf or hard of hearing. These tours will be given at 6:30 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. No pre-registration is required; meet at the Sharf Visitor Center in the MFA. For more information about accessible programs Valerie Burrows at 617-369-3302 voice, 617-267-9703 TTY or email <access@mfa.org>.

Open Support Group for Adults on the Autism Spectrum – Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, 7-8:30 pm at the offices of the Autism Association of New England (AANE), 85 Main St., Suite 101, Watertown, MA. Hosted by Jamie Freed; a \$5 donation is suggested. RSVP to 617-393-3824, x310 or <Jamie.Freed@aane.org>.

Rainbow Support Group for Adults with Developmental Disabilities – Funded by Massachusetts Advocates Standing Strong and the Department of Developmental Services, and hosted by Cambridge Family & Children's Service (CFCS), this group provides an opportunity for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and intersex individuals with developmental challenges to find their voice, be heard and supported in a safe, friendly environment. Participants must be at least 22 years old. Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, 4:30 to 6:00pm at CFCS, 60 Gore Street, Cambridge, which is accessible by taking the MBTA Green Line to the Lechmere station. For more information, contact Peter Montalto at <pmontalto@helpfamilies.org> or 617-876-4210, x158.

Senior Support Group for Caregivers over 60 – meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Family Resource Center, 20 Gould Street in Reading. Share and learn with other seniors who have adult family members with developmental disabilities. For meeting times or more information, contact Judy SantaMaria at 781-942-4888, x4022 or <familysupport@theemarc.org>.

Thursdays

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Saturdays

Boston Acquired Brain Injury Support Group (BABIS) – The mission of this free support group is to provide a positive forum for peer socialization, hope and education for people with acquired brain injury, their family and friends. This group is held on the 1st Saturday of the month, from 10am-12pm at Spaulding Rehab Hospital, conference rooms 8A & AB, 125 Nashua Street, Boston. No registration required, just show up! For more information, call Sally Johnson at 617-573-2539, email <babisgroup@hotmail.com>, or see <www.babis.info>.

Sundays

Feeling for Form Introductory Tour of MFA for blind & low vision visitors –These tours are given on the 1st Sunday of the month at 10:30 am. Pre-registration is not required for the Sunday tours unless a sighted guide or other access accommodation is needed. See Wednesday listing for details.

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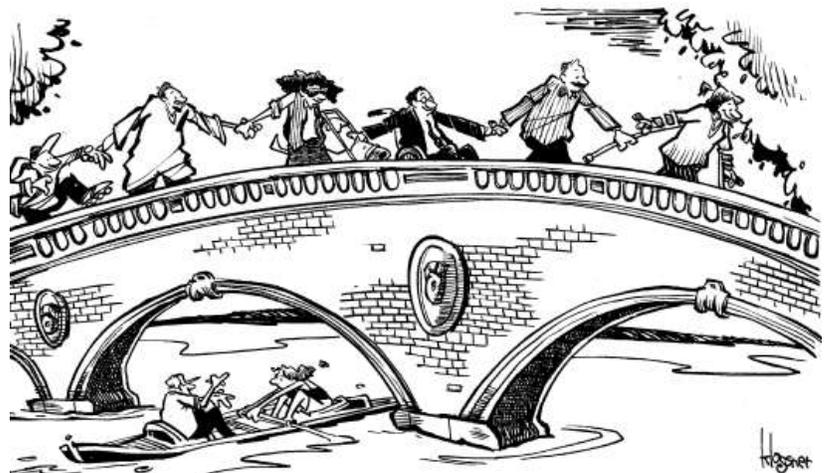
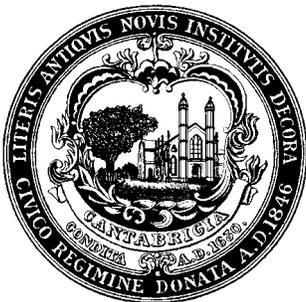
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