



# ***Invitation***

## **URP Seminar: Sustainability Challenges and Opportunities for Civil Society, Corporations & Universities**

**Steve Viederman**

The lecture will be followed at 2pm by an informal presentation and discussion with the Urban Research Program's PhD group (others are welcome to join us for this session)

Steve Viederman is an activist, educator, writer, speaker and consultant on a wide range of issues including:

- Sustainability
- The social role of higher education
- The future of philanthropy and whether it can meet the challenges of democracy and civil society
- Environmental and economic justice
- Redefining fiduciary responsibility and issues of social investment
- The limits of corporate social responsibility within the context of how we define the economy
- Population and the environment and
- Science and public policy

Steve is visiting Australia from New York as a keynote speaker at the international Philanthropy conference being held in Melbourne. In 2000, Steve retired as President of the New York-based Jessie Smith Noyes Foundation. The foundation developed programs on economic and environmental justice, reproductive rights, sustainable agriculture and community development. His path-breaking work on mission-related investing to reduce the dissonance between the foundation's asset management and its philanthropic values, especially though shareholder activity on behalf of grantees, has received international recognition. In 1996 Steve co-founded the Foundation Partnership on Corporate Responsibility to engage more foundations in mission-related investing

**11.00am - 12.00noon  
Thursday 27th October  
N13, Room 0.08**

**RSVP no later than 12noon Wed 26th October to:  
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