



MAY TERM 2013

Mini Course on Community Action

Sonny Garcia & Bruce Knoll
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT



This two-part workshop, led by successful community action leaders, is designed to teach participants the practical aspects of organizing a successful community action campaign, including how to overcome a variety of obstacles and red tape and motivate supporters to make the desired change

Bruce Knoll began his conservation efforts during the 1940's working with his father to stop the grave robbing and selling of Native American artifacts. He was a member of 4-H, FFA, served eight years in the Air Force, and retired from the steamfitters after 30 years. Upon retirement he began working at the Pekin Garden until its closure. He co-chaired the FOCUS-W.org in 1998, who's goal was to stop the proposed expansion of the Pekin Landfill. They had 300 members and presented the governor with a petition containing over 800 local signatures. After educating themselves, they were able to educate local and state officials on the problems caused by the landfill. Ultimately, they were successful.



Sonny Garcia was born and raised in Bloomington, and graduated from Illinois State University. He organized the largest Latino protest in the history of McLean County in 2006, when over 1,000 undocumented immigrants marched down the streets of downtown Bloomington. Currently, he is the statewide immigrant rights organizer for Illinois People's Action, where he has worked since 2008.

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A vibrant and diverse co-curricular calendar is crucial to the success of May Term as it was envisioned and delivered for the first time in 1996.

-May Term Advisory Committee, 2012



Tuesday, May 14th
4:00-6:00PM Turfler Room