

FSILG-related Upcoming Events

"Smoot's Ear: The Measure of Humanity"

Tuesday 6:30PM, September 25, 2007 at MIT

Register from <https://alum.mit.edu/ne/calendar/>

This is a lecture on a new book coming out this fall, "Smoot's Ear: The Measure of Humanity", by author Robert Tavernor at the Kirsch Auditorium in MIT's Stata Center. The book explores changing attitudes toward measurement throughout the history of western civilization. The title reference is of course to MIT's own Ollie Smoot '62, who first gained fame as the "yardstick" of the MIT-Harvard bridge almost fifty years ago. Now retired after a long involvement with the standards community - including a stint as President of the International Standards Organization, Ollie will be there with us that day, visiting from his home in San Diego. Professor Tavernor is coming from the other direction, across the pond from the London School of Economics.

This engaging talk will be co-sponsored by Ollie's fraternity, Lambda Chi Alpha, and the Yale University Press, publisher of this new book. They have underwritten the food & refreshment cost of any student and younger alums who would like to come. We ask that older alums and friends contribute \$10 so the Club of Boston can even. In any event, all interested in this topic - and Smoot's contribution to the history of measurement - are very welcome. Just over a year from now, we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the original bridge painting.

FSILG Volunteer Workshops

Friday afternoon, September 28th at MIT

Register at <http://alum.mit.edu/ne/alc>

Whether you are an experienced or a new FSILG volunteer – House Corporation officer, Advisory Board member, or whatever – you are welcome to network with your peers at the **FSILG workshops** on Friday afternoon, September 28th in the MIT Student Center. Based on the success of the last year's inaugural workshops, these are again being scheduled as part of the annual Alumni Leadership Conference (ALC). The ALC also affords many opportunities to learn more about MIT activities today and meet a variety of other alumni volunteers. The Friday afternoon includes an orientation for volunteer board members by one of our own, John Piotti '84, plus topics like money management, chapter advising, fundraising, alumni communications, risk management, and more. This afternoon will provide an effective orientation to FSILG issues today and the many resources we have to strengthen our organizations. These workshops are organized by the AILG Volunteer Committee.

Registration and the detailed schedule can be found at <http://alum.mit.edu/ne/alc/>. Please note there is a \$35 registration, which covers food for the entire Conference. If this is a hardship, you may obtain reimbursement at the conference by contacting any AILG board member. The Alumni Association also subsidizes travel costs for MIT10 alums (10 years or less since graduation, or '97 and after). **Each chapter is strongly encouraged to identify and send at least two alumni/alumnae** volunteers.