On October 16, 2006, from 6:00-7:00 p.m., Shin-kap Han, associate professor of Sociology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, will give a talk on "The Other Ride of Paul Revere: Brokerage Role in the Making of the American Revolution." The event, part of the **Networks and Complex Systems Talk Series**, will be held in the Wells Library, Room 001, Indiana University, Bloomington.

SLIS faculty member **Katy Börner** is the organizer of this series. The series is held every Monday evening from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Wells Library at IU Bloomington, Room 001. There is an optional dinner afterwards 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Lennie's (on 10th Street).

**ABSTRACT**

The celebrated tale of his "Midnight Ride" notwithstanding, Paul Revere's role in the events leading up to the American Revolution remains rather obscure. Joseph Warren, known as the man who sent Revere on that ride, presents a similar quandary. What was the nature of the roles they played in the mobilization process? I address the question from a social structural perspective, reassessing the evidence and reconsidering the key concept of brokerage. The analysis shows that they were bridges par
excellence, spanning the various social chasms and connecting disparate organizational elements of the movement, thus, bringing together "men of all orders" to forge an emerging movement. Shin-Kap Han (Ph.D., Columbia University) is Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. His areas of interest are Social Networks, Economic Sociology, Organizations and Institutions, Korean Society (Historical/Contemporary), Careers, and Quantitative Methods. He is currently working on, among others, Korean Chaebol ("Family Business: The Marriage Network of Chaebol Families in Korea") and large scale social movement and networks ("To Harness an Outbreak: A Microstructural Account of Mobilization for the March First Movement").

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