

## News Release

# Josh Caplan to Present "Hate Speech is Lame" at the U of M, Crookston on Thursday, October 18, 2012, in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center; Presentation at 7 p.m. and all are welcome

*By Itollefs on Tuesday, October 2, 2012* Josh Caplan (right) will be on the University of Minnesota, Crookston for a special

presentation entitled "Hate Speech is Lame", in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center, on Thursday, October 18, 2012, at 7 p.m. Caplan is a graduate student at Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., working on a master of arts degree in public policy. His presentation discusses how we use words and language that might be hurtful and discriminating. Sometimes hurtful language might be intentional, while other times, we may not even realize it or think about it. The program is free and public is invited to attend.

Lorna Hollowell, director of diversity and multicultural programs on the Crookston campus is excited about hosting Caplan at the Crookston campus. "While serving as the director of cultural diversity at Owensboro Community & Technical College in Kentucky, I brought Josh to campus to speak," Hollowell says. "He is an excellent, engaging presenter, who interacts with students, faculty, and staff in a captivating manner. His presentation resulted in inclusive dialog that continued after his presentation had ended."

While earning his master of arts in political science at Purdue University, Caplan coached the nationally recognized Purdue Speech and Debate team. His current studies focus on how individuals identify themselves and the effects of political context in public policy creation. He is an executive editor of the Georgetown Public Policy Review and was recently the policy fellow for the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee.

Caplan earned his master of arts in political science and his bachelor of arts in political science from Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind., and will graduate with his degree in public policy from Georgetown in 2013.

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