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### Mark Bernstein, USC

Rebuilding Affordable Housing on the Mississippi Gulf Coast  
Friday, November 17, 2:00 - 3:30pm  
GIS Research Laboratory, KAP 444

Dr. Bernstein is a Visiting Professor of Political Science at the University of Southern California. Mark's research areas span a broad range of issues in energy, environment, and water including economic impacts of energy technologies and policies, energy efficiency and renewable energy, climate change policy, and technology diffusion. Prior to his appointment at USC Mark was a Senior Policy Researcher at the RAND Corporation, and held positions in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, the Washington DC office of the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, and the University of Pennsylvania where he was on the faculty and served as Director of the Center for Energy and the Environment.

Mark will present research developing policy and implementation options to help local communities in the Gulf Coast address affordable-housing issues in their rebuilding efforts. Important questions:

- How is "affordable housing" defined, and what are some of the general affordable-housing issues faced by different regions in the United States?
- What are the critical challenges in providing affordable housing and what strategies are available to deal with these challenges?
- How have affordable-housing issues been addressed in the wake of other natural disasters in the United States?
- What affordable-housing policy options seem best suited to Mississippi's current needs?

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