Higher Education in a Changing Political Climate

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Schedule Overview

Thursday, August 3, 2017

9 am - 7:00 pm  Registration - Outside Ballroom, SAC 2.410

10:00 - 11:00 am  Panel: Leveraging Successful Mentoring Relationships
Legislative Assembly Room, SAC 2.302

11:15 - 12:15 pm  Collaboration Roundtables - Ballroom, SAC 2.410

12:15 - 1:15 pm  Networking Lunch by Central Market - Ballroom, SAC 2.410

1:15 - 2:30 pm  Panel: Campus Climate and Marginalization
Legislative Assembly Room, SAC 2.302

2:45 - 4:00 pm  Panel: Legislative Impact on Texas Higher Education
Legislative Assembly Room, SAC 2.302

4:00 - 4:15 pm  Coffee & Snack Break - Ballroom, SAC 2.410

4:15 - 5:30 pm  Education Research Centers Roundtables
Ballroom, SAC 2.410

5:45 - 6:30 pm  Texas Star Showcase - Legislative Assembly Room, SAC 2.302

6:30 - 7:30 pm  Dinner & Dessert by Casa Chapala - Ballroom, SAC 2.410

7:30 - 8:30 pm  Keynote Speech
Auditorium, SAC 1.402

Friday, August 4, 2017

8:00 am - 2:30 pm  Registration Open - Outside Ballroom, SAC 2.410

8:00 - 9:00 am  Breakfast by Tacodeli - Ballroom, SAC 2.410

9:00 - 10:00 am  Panel: Higher Education in a Changing Political Climate
Legislative Assembly Room, SAC 2.302

10:15 - 11:30 am  Session 1 (Concurrent) - SAC 1.106, 1.118, 2.120, 3.112

11:45 - 1:00 pm  Session 2 (Concurrent) - SAC 1.106, 1.118, 2.120, 3.112

1:00 - 2:30 pm  Lunch & Presidential Dialogue - Ballroom, SAC 2.410

2:45 - 4:00 pm  Session 3 (Concurrent) - SAC 1.106, 1.118
Welcome

For the second year The Program in Higher Education Leadership in the College of Education at the University of Texas at Austin has been honored to host the Texas Higher Education Symposium. This year, we rolled out a brand new logo for the Symposium, featuring the red, white, and blue of our state flag. The past two symposiums have been a wonderful opportunity for UT-Austin students, faculty, and staff, and we are pleased to pass the torch to the University of Houston, who will host the Symposium next year - see you in Houston in 2018!

This past academic year has been a time of change in the political climate in the US. Our understanding of how politics influences higher education is a more pressing question than ever before as our governments articulate regressive and damaging policies that often put our students, faculty, and staff in direct line of fire for criticism and too often make a convenient scapegoat.

The purpose of the 8th Annual Texas Higher Education Symposium is to promote scholarship centered on higher education in a changing political climate. Given the anti-intellectualism rampant in government, we must find ways to adapt to the current landscape without losing sight of strategies and actions needed to shape a more hospitable climate. Our most marginalized students, faculty, and staff, often excluded or even demonized by current policies and political rhetoric, deserve nothing less than a vibrant community of support.

Our seven co-sponsoring institutions have all maintained their support of the symposium. Thank you to Baylor University, Southern Methodist University, Texas Tech University, University of Houston, University of North Texas, The University of Texas at Austin, and The University of Texas at San Antonio. This event is also made possible by a two-year grant from The Greater Texas Foundation that ends after this convening. In addition, The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, whose work we feature in a special discussion session, has contributed the last two years to the symposium. Our campus partners include UT-Austin’s Division of Diversity and Community Engagement and Division of Student Affairs. And we have received generous in-kind donations from UT-Austin’s Graduate School, Austin Community College, the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development, and the Center for Community College Student Engagement. We are deeply thankful for the contributions making this event possible and keeping it affordable.

The 2017 symposium runs for two days. Day 1 features a pre-symposium for attendees to forge mentoring and research connections as well as hear from panels of experts about the legislative session and campus climate. The general symposium begins that evening with our keynote speaker. Day 2 kicks off with a panel to set the stage for the day and continues with concurrent sessions for participants to engage about research and best practices. During lunch we feature a presidential dialogue to discuss Texas higher education and what leadership is required in such trying times.

Special thanks to our volunteers, graduate assistant Saralyn McKinnon-Crowley, and accounts specialist Lizbeth Lynch, without whom this event would simply not be possible.
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Pre-symposium Thursday, August 3

9:00 am - 7:00 pm Registration Open
Outside Ballroom, SAC 2.410

10:00 - 11:00 am
Panel: Leveraging Successful Mentoring Relationships
Legislative Assembly Room, SAC 2.302

Moderator: Dr. Jennifer L. Smith, Director
University Leadership Network | University of Texas at Austin

Panelists:
Dr. Manny Gonzalez, Non-profit Consultant | Texas Guaranteed
Dr. Soncia Reagins-Lilly, Vice President of Student Affairs &
Dean of Students | University of Texas at Austin
Dr. Richard Reddick, Associate Professor,
Educational Administration | Assistant Vice President, Division of
Diversity & Community Engagement | University of Texas at Austin
Ms. Jinane Sounny-Slitine, LMSW, Senior Academic Advisor
Department of Economics, University of Texas at Austin

11:15 - 12:15 pm
Collaboration Roundtables
Ballroom, SAC 2.410

1: A Community College Perspective: Review of the Role of the Institution and
Current Policy of Community College State Funding
Sarah B. Sanchez | University of Texas at San Antonio
Samuel Vasquez | Howard College

2: Achieving Higher Academic Performance: Access at the Intersections of
Culturally Diverse Populations in Higher Education On-campus Communities
Koryn Dillard | University of Houston
3: College Prep Mentorship: College & Career Readiness for the African Diaspora
   Obafemi Ogunleye | University of Texas at San Antonio

4: From Setbacks to Setups for Success: Examining Factors for Increasing Minority Male College Perseverance
   Alejandro Araiza | Texas State University

5: Intellectual Instruction Before Civil Conversation: The Problematic Language of White Guilt, Shame, Privilege, and Fragility
   Zachary Taylor | University of Texas at Austin

6: Impact of Affirmative Action Policies on STEM
   Lydia Ross | Arizona State University

7: Leadership Legitimacy: Women and the University Presidency
   Patricia Ryan & Valerie Paton | Texas Tech University

8: Taking Everyone Into Account: An Examination of International Students in American Higher Education
   Dina Ghazzawi & Trang Phan | University of Houston

9: Transgender Student Support Services Research Roundtable
   Brandon Mack | University of Houston

10: Understanding Community College Transfer Students’ Social and Academic Experiences and Identity Development
    Jeff Mayo | University of Texas at Austin

12:15 - 1:15 pm
Networking Lunch provided by Central Market
Ballroom, SAC 2.410

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Pre-symposium continued

1:15 - 2:30 pm
Panel: Campus Climate and Marginalization
Legislative Assembly Room, SAC 2.302

Moderator:
  Dr. Richard Reddick | Associate Professor, Educational Administration | Assistant Vice President, Division of Diversity & Community Engagement | University of Texas at Austin

Panelists:
  Dr. Stephanie Hawley | Associate Vice President, Office of Equity and Inclusion | Austin Community College
  Dr. Norma Ngo | Director of Counseling and Psychological Services, Licensed Psychologist/AASECT CST | President, Texas University and College Counseling Directors Association | University of Houston
  Dr. Betty Jeanne Taylor | Assistant Vice President for Inclusion and Equity | Division of Diversity and Community Engagement | University of Texas at Austin

2:45 - 4:00 pm
Panel: Legislative Impact on Texas Higher Education
Legislative Assembly Room, SAC 2.302

Moderator:
  Dr. Denisa Gandara | Assistant Professor, Education Policy and Leadership | Southern Methodist University

Panelists:
  Dr. Austin Lane | President | Texas Southern University
  Dr. Molly Beth Malcolm | Vice President of Community Engagement and Public Affairs | Austin Community College
  Mr. Ray Martinez | President | Independent Colleges and Universities of Texas
  Mr. Jason Smith | Vice Chancellor/Vice President for Governmental Relations | University of Houston System
4:00 - 4:15 pm
Coffee and Snack Break
Ballroom, SAC 2.410

4:15 - 5:30 pm
Education Research Centers Panel & Discussion Groups
Ballroom, SAC 2.410

1: CCCSE National Report: Making Ends Meet
   Colleen Bullock | Center for Community College Student Engagement

2: CCCSE National Report: Even One Semester
   Emilio Delboy | Center for Community College Student Engagement

3: Coordinated Admissions Program
   Rodney Andrews | University of Dallas Texas Schools Project

4: Transfer and Implications for Time to Degree
   Jenna Cullinane Hege | Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

5: College Access and Success, Educational Pathways and Labor Market Outcomes, Supply and Demand of High School Counselors
   Matthew Giani | University of Texas at Austin

6: Latino Student Success at Community Colleges and Four-Year Institutions
   Catherine Horn | University of Houston

7: Economic Returns to Higher Education: Returns of Majoring in Business and the Impacts of the UT Longhorn Opportunity Scholars
   Scott Imberman | Michigan State University

8: Class Rank and Life Outcomes | Rich Murphy | University of Texas at Austin

9: The Impact of Inclusive STEM High Schools on Student College Attendance
   Guan Saw | University of Texas at San Antonio

10: Math Pathways Project Evaluation
    Lauren Schudde | University of Texas at Austin

11: Impact of Tuition Deregulation and Major Choice for Poor Students
    Kevin Stange | University of Michigan

12: Financial Aid, College Choice, and Competition
    Mike Villarreal | University of Texas at Austin

13: High School CTE and Math Course Taking Patterns and Subsequent Higher Education Outcomes
    Amy Wiseman | E3 Alliance
The Semantic Reactivity of Blue, Red, and Purple: A Linguistic Analysis of Post-Election Statements Made by Executive Leadership at Three Public Flagship Universities  
   Zachary Taylor | University of Texas at Austin

College Prep Mentorship: College & Career Readiness for the African Diaspora  
   Obafemi Ogunleye | University of Texas at San Antonio

The Experiences of Latino Student-Athletes at Historically White Institutions of Higher Education  
   Guillermo Ortega | University of Houston

Leadership Legitimacy: Women and the University Presidency  
   Patricia Ryan | Texas Tech University

Recognizing and Rejecting the Gendered Discourse of Partnerships between Student Affairs and Academic Affairs  
   Emily Johnson | University of Texas at Austin

Making the Invisible Visible: Examining the Marginalization of Atheist College Students in Texas  
   Gerald V. Bourdeau | University of Houston

Unlikely Lessons from the Showroom: What Buying a Car Taught Me about My Dissertation  
   Lisa Jasinski | University of Texas at Austin
Dr. Victoria M. DeFrancesco Soto is a professor at The University of Texas at Austin and a political scientist providing analysis to media, businesses, non-profit organizations, and academia on the implications of a rapidly changing political and economic environment. Victoria’s areas of expertise include Latino politics, the U.S.-Mexico Border, and U.S.-Mexico relations. As a media contributor, she serves as a regular political analyst for NBC and Telemundo. In academia, Victoria is also widely published in both academic and popular outlets such as POLITICO and USA Today. Victoria translates social science research into a more relatable form of information for a wide variety of domestic and international audiences.

Introduction by Dr. Victor Saenz
Chair and Associate Professor, Department of Educational Administration | University of Texas at Austin
Symposium
Friday, August 4

8:00 - 9:00 am
Breakfast by Tacodeli
Ballroom, SAC 2.410

9:00 - 10:00 am
Conference Kickoff Panel:
Higher Education in a Changing Political Climate
Legislative Assembly Room, SAC 2.302

Moderator: Dr. Catherine Horn | Associate Professor, Educational Leadership & Policy Studies | Executive Director, Institute of Education Policy Research and Evaluation (IEPRE) | University of Houston

Panelists:
Dr. Denisa Gandara | Assistant Professor Education Policy and Leadership, Southern Methodist University

Dr. Liliana Garces | Associate Professor, Educational Administration University of Texas at Austin

Dr. Teri Elkins Longacre | Vice Provost & Dean of Undergraduate Student Success | University of Houston

The University of Texas at San Antonio
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10:15 - 11:30 AM  Session 1

The Legislative Session and Policy Impact
SAC 1.106
Facilitator: Alden Jones
Texas & Campus Sexual Assault: Unpacking the 85th Legislative Session
   Caroline Heywood & Ashley Thibodeau
   University of Texas at Austin

The Impact of Violent Administrative Policies on Marginalized Students
   Alden Jones | University of Texas at Austin

Legislators’ Perceptions of Public University Student Lobbyists: Improving Student Lobbying Outcomes
   James Krotz | Kansas State University

Gender in Higher Education
SAC 1.118
Facilitator: Saralyn McKinnon-Crowley
Understanding Single-Mother Students’ Undergraduate Experience at a Four-Year Institution
   Liliana Gutierrez | University of Texas at San Antonio

Absolution and Participation in Privilege: Gender-role Conflict for Men Student Affairs Professionals
   Saralyn McKinnon-Crowley & Aaron Voyles
   University of Texas at Austin

The Housing Transition: Trans* Students in College and University Residential Housing
   Sawyer Tedder | University of Texas at Austin

Latino Male Students’ Educational Pathways and Best Practices: Lessons Learned from Three Years of Work with the Texas Consortium for Male Students of Color
   Jorge Burmicky, Victor Saenz, Emmett Campos, & Pavitee Peumsang | University of Texas at Austin

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10:15 - 11:30 AM  Session 1 continued

Money Matters: How Financial Policies Impact Student Outcomes
SAC 2.120
Facilitator: Zachary Taylor
Input to Output: Unintended Outcomes of Completion Agendas and Performance-Based Funding
   Yvonne Harwood | Lubbock Christian University

Go Big and Go Home: Major Gifts, Public Flagships, and the Parlance of Prestige
   Zachary Taylor | University of Texas at Austin

How College Costs Hurt: The Impact of College Costs on Low-Income and Minority Students
   Jing Jing Liu | University of Houston

The Effects of State and Federal Aid on the Enrollment Outcomes of the Most Economically Disadvantaged Students at a Large Urban Community College District
   Maria Luna-Torres & Lyle McKinney | University of Houston

Focusing on Student Success
*Workshop Session*
SAC 3.112
Facilitator: Ximena Canelo-Pino
The Sense in Struggling
   Estrellita Longoria | University of Texas at Austin

Practice to Policy for Latino Students’ Success in Higher Education: Looking at Transfers
   Eyra Perez | University of Texas at San Antonio
   Noe Ortiz | Excelencia in Education
   Deborah Santiago | Excelencia in Education

Empowering Latino Students through Service Learning
   Rodrigo Aguayo, Enrique Aguayo, Jorge Segovia, & Jose R. Del Real Viramontes | University of Texas at Austin
11:45 - 1:00 PM  Session 2

Free Speech, Language, and Discourse
SAC 1.106
Facilitator: Emily Johnson

Discourse Analysis of Anti-Affirmative Action Rhetoric from *Fisher*
Lydia Ross | Arizona State University

The Semantic Reactivity of Blue, Red, and Purple: A Linguistic Analysis of Post-Election Statements Made by Executive Leadership at Three Public Flagship Universities
Zachary Taylor | University of Texas at Austin

Recognizing and Rejecting the Gendered Discourse of Partnerships between Student Affairs and Academic Affairs
Emily Johnson | University of Texas at Austin

Of Flyers and Free Speech: How Student Activism Shaped a Hate and Bias Policy on the Forty Acres
Zachary Taylor, Brianna Davis, & Aaron Pyle
University of Texas at Austin

The Challenge of Creating Inclusive Environments
SAC 1.118
Facilitator: Estrellita Longoria

The Experiences of Latino Student-Athletes at Historically White Institutions of Higher Education
Guillermo Ortega | University of Houston

A+ for Cultural Assimilation
Estrellita Longoria | University of Texas at Austin

An Educator Challenge: How to Achieve the Optimal Educational Environment Promoting an Atmosphere of Equality and Tolerance with the Students
Maria Guadalupe Castaneda | Universidad Tangamanga

Self-Determination in Supplemental Instruction: A Case-Study Approach to Program Assessment
J. Scott Self | Texas Tech University
11:45 - 1:00 PM  Session 2 continued

**Understanding STEM Student Outcomes**
**SAC 2.120**
Facilitator: Tracie Lowe

Research and Practice on Engineering Student Identity
Charles Lu, Enrique Dominguez, & Alex Bi
University of Texas at Austin

Predictors of Algebra Performance with Undergraduates: Understanding Rational Numbers is Essential
Sarah R. Powell & Sarah A. Benz | University of Texas at Austin

Developmental Math in the STEM Degree Pathways: Perspectives from Developmental Math Students Attending Rural Community Colleges
Connie Watson | Texas Tech University

**Success Strategies Across the Higher Education Pipeline**
*Workshop Session*
**SAC 3.112**
Facilitator: Lisa Jasinski

Setting Yourself Up For Success: The Value of a Pre-Dissertation Pilot Study
Lisa Jasinski, Coreen W. Davis, & Ashley Jones
University of Texas at Austin

From First-Generation Student to First-Generation Professional
Candace Lamb | University of Texas at Austin

Helping Graduate Students Rise through SHINE: Evaluating a Scholarship Program for Scholars from Disadvantaged Backgrounds
Chaunte’ White & Amber Mollhagen | University of Houston
1:00 - 2:30 pm
Lunch by Fricano’s Deli
Ballroom, SAC 2.410

1:00 - 2:30 pm
Presidential Dialogue
Ballroom, SAC 2.410

Moderator: Dr. Claudia Garcia-Louis, Assistant Professor
Educational Leadership & Policy Studies
University of Texas at San Antonio

Panelists:
Dr. Colette Pierce Burnette
Huston-Tillotson University

Dr. Dana G. Hoyt
Sam Houston State University

Dr. Shirley Reed
South Texas College
2:45 - 4:00 PM  Session 3

Mentorship & Community Engagement
SAC 1.106
Facilitator: Jackie Pedota

Your Pain, My Pain: The Impact of Trauma on Building Community and Engagement
   Sly Mata & Toni Templeton | University of Houston

Supporting TRiO Student Success by Understanding Institutional Context
   Jackie Pedota | University of Texas at Austin

Implementing Assessment and Evaluation for Program/Personnel Evaluation
   Kort Jackson | Alamo Colleges

Faculty Experiences: Ed.D. Programs, Job Search, and Study Abroad
SAC 1.118
Facilitator: Aaron Pyle

Faculty as Global Learners: Investigating the Experiences of Professors Who Lead Study Abroad/Study Away Programs
   Lisa Jasinski | University of Texas at Austin

Executive Ed.D. Leadership Program Experiences
   Frank Hernandez | University of Texas at Austin

Diversity (Un)Wanted: A Content Analysis of Tenure-Track Position Announcements Posted by Public Flagship Institutions
   Zachary Taylor | University of Texas at Austin
Building Maps

Third Level
- Executive Conference Room 3.114
- Balcony Room 3.106
- Balcony Room 3.112
- Balcony Room 3.116

Second Level
- Conference Room 2.106
- Meeting Room 2.120
- Ballroom 2.410
- Legislative Assembly Room 2.302

First Level
- Meeting Room 1.106
- Meeting Room 1.118
- Auditorium Room 1.402