



## ***Learner-Centered Institutions: The Future of Higher Education***

### **Agenda**

Monday, Oct. 26, 2015  
Federal Reserve Bank of Boston  
7:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

- 7:45 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Registration, Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30 a.m. – 8:40 a.m. Welcome** *Auditorium*  
*Michael K. Thomas, President and CEO, New England Board of Higher Education*
- 8:45 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. Who Are the Learners?** *Auditorium*  
**Facilitator**  
*Scott Jaschik, Co-founder and Editor, Inside Higher Ed*  
**Discussants**  
*Erin Knepler, Associate Director of Higher Education and Workforce Programs, Public Agenda*  
*Robert Lytle, Managing Director and Co-head Education Practice, Parthenon-EY*  
*John Della Volpe, Director of Polling, Harvard University Institute of Politics*
- 9:50 a.m. – 10 a.m. Break**
- 10:05 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. What Does a Learner-Centered Institution Look Like?** *Auditorium*  
**Facilitator**  
*Carol Vallone, CEO, Educate Online*  
**Discussants**  
*Donna Linderman, University Dean for Student Success Initiatives, Director of Accelerated Study in Associate Programs (ASAP), City University of New York*  
*Scott Jaschik, Co-founder and Editor, Inside Higher Ed*  
*Steven R. DiSalvo, President, Saint Anselm College*
- 11:20 a.m. – 12:10 p.m. Introduction of Keynote Speaker** *Auditorium*  
*Adam Newman, Founder and Managing Partner, Tyton Partners*  
**Keynote Speaker**  
*Nancy Zimpher, Chancellor, State University of New York*
- 12:15 p.m. – 1 p.m. Lunch**

**1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions: Session 1**

**Session 1A: The Role of Faculty (*Teaching the New Learners*)**

*New England Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor*

**Facilitator**

*Phyllis Blumberg*, Director of Teaching and Learning Center and Assistant Provost for Faculty Development, University of the Sciences (Philadelphia)

**Panelists**

*Maryellen Weimer*, Professor Emeritus, Penn State Berks

*Thomas M. Curley*, Professor, Bridgewater State University

*Beth McGinnis-Cavanaugh*, Professor, Springfield Technical Community College; Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching Professor of the Year 2014 Massachusetts Winner

*Paul J. Stonely*, CEO, WACE, University of Massachusetts Lowell

**Session 1B: Keeping Learners on Track for Success (*Pathways and Persistence*)**

*Connolly Center, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor*

**Presenter**

*Thomas Bailey*, Director of Community College Research Center, Columbia University

**Facilitator**

*Charles F. Desmond*, Senior Fellow, New England Board of Higher Education

**Respondents**

*Diane Call*, President, Queensborough Community College

*Scott Evenbeck*, President, Guttman Community College

*Mark Rubinstein*, President, Granite State College

**Session 1C: Lessons from the World's Best Service Providers (*Are You Being Served?*)**

*Room AV1, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor*

**Facilitator**

*Lucie Lapovsky*, Principal, Lapovsky Consulting, Past President, Mercy College

**Panelists**

*Mario C. Martinez*, Vice Chancellor of Strategy and Innovation, National University System

*Susan Leigh*, Susan Leigh Consulting; Retired Associate Professor; Associate Vice President for Enrollment, Management and Marketing, DePaul University

**2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions: Session 2**

**Session 2A: Technology and the Next Generation of Learners (*Teaching the New Learners*)**

*New England Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor*

**Facilitator**

*Howard Horton*, President, New England College of Business

**Panelists**

*Eileen Rudden*, Co-founder, LearnLaunch

*Dennis Littky*, Co-founder and Co-director, Big Picture Learning

*Nick Massa*, Professor, Springfield Technical Community College; Principal Investigator, NEBHE Problem-Based Learning Resource Center

**Session 2B: Putting Student Success at the Center (*Pathways and Persistence*)**

*Connolly Center, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor*

**Facilitator:**

*Nick Donohue*, President and CEO, Nellie Mae Education Foundation

**Panelists**

*Lawrence G. Abele*, Director, Institute for Academic Leadership; Provost Emeritus, Florida State University

*Julie Johnson*, Vice President of Strategy, Complete College America

*Alicia B. Harvey-Smith*, President, River Valley Community College

**3:30 p.m.**

**Adjourn**