



## The Case for Competency-Based Education: A New Age of Teaching and Learning?

### Agenda

Monday, October 20, 2014  
Federal Reserve Bank of Boston  
7:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

- 7:45 a.m. – 8:40 a.m.**     **Registration**  
**Continental Breakfast**
- 8:45 a.m. – 8:55 a.m.**     **Introductions, Welcome** *Auditorium*  
Michael K. Thomas, President and CEO, New England Board of Higher Education  
James Rianhard, President, Flat World Education
- 8:55 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.**     **Understanding Competency-Based Education: Facts, Features, Fiction and Futures** *Auditorium*  
**Facilitator:**  
Paul Fain, Higher Education Reporter, *Inside Higher Ed*  
**Panelists:**  
Alison Kadlec, Senior Vice President, Director of Higher Ed and Workforce Programs, Public Agenda  
Amy Laitinen, Deputy Director, New America Foundation  
Holly Morris, Director of Postsecondary Model Development and Adoption, Educause  
Pamela Tate, President, Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL)  
Nick Lee, Senior Program Officer, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- 10:20 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.**     **What the Research Shows about CBE** *Auditorium*  
**Facilitator:**  
Carol Vallone, CEO, Educate Online  
**Presenter:**  
Robert Lytle, Partner and Co-Head of Education Practice, The Parthenon Group  
**Respondents:**  
President John Ebersole, Excelsior College  
John LaBrie, Vice President, Dean, College of Professional Studies, Northeastern University
- 11:20 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**     **Break**

**11:35 a.m. – 12:35 p.m. Concurrent Sessions**

**Concurrent Session A** *Connolly Center, 4<sup>th</sup> floor*  
**Against the Grain: Perspectives of Accreditors and Authorizers on Institutions' Pursuit of CBE**

**Facilitator:**

David Bergeron, Vice President for Postsecondary Education, Center for American Progress

**Panelists:**

David Soo, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Under Secretary for Postsecondary Education,  
U.S. Department of Education

Barbara E. Brittingham, President, Commission on Institutions of Higher Education,  
New England Association of Schools and Colleges

Michael Milligan, Executive Director, Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology (ABET)

**Concurrent Session B** *Auditorium*  
**Beyond Competency: What CBE Means for Critical Skills, Liberal Education and the Future of Authentic Assessment**

**Facilitator:**

Alison Kadlec, Senior Vice President, Director of Higher Ed and Workforce Programs, Public Agenda

**Panelists:**

Christopher E. Hopey, President, Merrimack College

Carol Geary Schneider, President, Association of American Colleges and Universities

Linda Schott, President, University of Maine at Presque Isle

**Concurrent Session C** *New England Room, 4<sup>th</sup> floor*  
**Building a CBE Approach on Campus: Faculty Empowerment and Buy-In**

**Facilitator:**

Philip DiSalvio, Dean, College of Advancing and Professional Studies, Univ. of Massachusetts Boston

**Panelists:**

Raymond J. Rice, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Univ. of Maine at Presque Isle

James Kennedy, Professor, MBA Program, Business and Executive Programs, Chair, Academic  
Committee, Faculty Advisory Council, University of Maryland University College

Iris Palmer, Senior Policy Analyst, National Governors Association, Center for Best Practice  
Education Division

**12:40 p.m. – 1:20 p.m.**

**Lunch**

*Connolly Center and New England Room 4<sup>th</sup> Floor*

**1:25 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.**

**Afternoon Keynote and Discussion: An Expert Witness Puts it All Together**

*Auditorium*

**Facilitator:**

Howard E. Horton, President, New England College of Business

**Keynote Speaker:**

Paul LeBlanc, President, Southern New Hampshire University

**2:20 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**Concurrent Workshops: Master Classes**

*Participants will have the opportunity to learn in greater depth about specific models and institutions that offer competency-based higher education programs, employ student-centered learning and alternative assessment strategies.*

**Concurrent Workshop A  
Assessing Direct Assessment**

*Auditorium*

**Workshop Leaders:**

Sally M. Johnstone, Vice President for Academic Advancement, Western Governors University  
Scott Kinney, President, Capella University  
Kate Kazin, Chief Academic Officer, College for America at Southern New Hampshire University

**Concurrent Workshop B  
Grown-Up and Competent?**

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

**Workshop Leaders:**

Roxanne Gonzales, Former President, Granite State College  
Becky Klein-Collins, Senior Director of Research and Policy Development, CAEL  
Ed Klonoski, President, Charter Oak State College

**Concurrent Workshop C  
CBE: Online or Offline? Or Both?**

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

**Workshop Leaders:**

James E. Selbe, Assistant Director for Distance Education, Kentucky Community and Technical College System  
Charla Long, Dean, College of Professional Studies, Lipscomb University

**3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.**

**Post-Conference Conversations**

**4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

**Boundless Open House**

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