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Preliminary Agenda

Sunday, March 17, 2024		
Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute of Hunter College, CUNY 47-49 E. 65th St, New York, NY, 10065 (between Park and Madison Avenues)		
9:00 am - 12:00 pm ET 2nd Floor Classroom	Advisory Board Meeting (members only)	
12:00 - 12:30 pm ET Four Freedoms Room	Refreshments	
12:30 - 1:00 pm ET Auditorium	Welcoming Remarks Jeanell Hughes, Higher Ed Consulting Sr. Director, Huron Consulting Group Karen R. Stubaus, National Center Affiliated Researcher, former Vice President	

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1:00 - 2:30 pm ET Auditorium	for Academic Affairs, Rutgers University, and JCBA Co-editor Gary Rhoades, Professor and Director, Center for the Study of Higher Education, University of Arizona, JCBA Co-editor William A. Herbert, Executive Director, National Center for the Study of Collective Bargaining in Higher Education and the Professions, Hunter College, CUNY Panel: Higher Education Leadership in Challenging Times: The Year Ahead Ann Kirschner, Interim President, Hunter College, CUNY Dan Greenstein, Chancellor, Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education Catherine Bond Hill, Managing Director, Ithaka S+R, and former President, Vassar College Frederick P. Schaffer, former General Counsel, CUNY, Moderator	
2:30 - 3:30 pm ET Four Freedoms Room	Reception	
	Monday, March 18, 2024	
	CUNY Graduate Center, 365 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10016 (Entrance on Fifth Avenue between 34th and 35th Street)	
8:00 - 9:00 am ET Concourse	Continental Breakfast	
9:00 – 9:30 am ET Proshansky	Welcoming Remarks Ann Kirschner, Interim President, Hunter College, CUNY Thomas H. Biley, Jr. Evecutive Director of Labor and Special Councel	
Auditorium	Thomas H. Riley, Jr., Executive Director of Labor and Special Counsel, University of Illinois System Galia Galansky, Interim Associate Vice Chancellor, Office of the Senior Vice Chancellor University Human Resources, CUNY DeWayne Sheaffer, President, National Council for Higher Education/NEA William A. Herbert, Executive Director, National Center for the Study of Collective Bargaining in Higher Education and the Professions, Hunter College, CUNY	
9:30 – 10:30 am ET Proshansky Auditorium	University of Illinois System Galia Galansky, Interim Associate Vice Chancellor, Office of the Senior Vice Chancellor University Human Resources, CUNY DeWayne Sheaffer, President, National Council for Higher Education/NEA William A. Herbert, Executive Director, National Center for the Study of Collective Bargaining in Higher Education and the Professions, Hunter College,	

	Concurrent Sessions
10:45 am – 12:15 pm ET C201-202	Panel: Navigating Generative AI in Higher Education: Implications for Pedagogy, Research, and Collective Bargaining Kyle Arnone, AFT Collective Bargaining Center Anthony G. Picciano, Professor, Hunter College, School of Education and CUNY Graduate Center Amanda M. Blair, Associate, Fisher & Phillips LLP Rob Weil, AFT Director of Policy, Research and Field Services, Panelist and Moderator
10:45 am – 12:15 pm ET C198	Panel: Supreme Court Affirmative Action Decisions: Impact on DEI in Higher Education Labor Relations and Collective Bargaining Kapil Longani, Senior Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs and General Counsel, SUNY Channing Cooper, AFT Legal Department Deputy Director J. Brian Charles, Senior Reporter, The Chronicle of Higher Education Angela Thompson, Member, Administrative Review Board, United States Department of Labor, Moderator
10:45 am – 12:15 pm ET C204-205	Panel: Addressing Institutional Betrayal at the Table: Tackling Harassment and Title IX Issues Through Collective Bargaining Risa Lieberwitz, Professor of Labor and Employment Law in the Cornell University School of Industrial and Labor Relations, and AAUP General Counsel Karen R. Stubaus, National Center Affiliated Researcher, and former Vice President for Academic Affairs, Rutgers University Alexandra (Sascha) Matish, Associate Vice Provost for Academic and Faculty Affairs and Senior Director, Academic Human Resources, University of Michigan Cora Bergantiños-Crespo, UAW 4100 President - Columbia University Paula E. Burke, Senior Associate, Huron Consulting Group, Moderator
10:45 am – 12:15 pm ET C197	Facilitated Session: Practices to Cultivate Calm and Resilience for Labor & Management Professionals Lili Palacios-Baldwin, Deputy General Counsel for Labor, Employment and Dispute Resolution, Tufts University
12:15 - 1:30 pm ET Concourse	Lunch: Food Service
	Concurrent Sessions
1:30 - 3:00 pm ET C197	Panel: Collective Bargaining Concerning Library Personnel in Higher Education Meredith Kahn, LEO AFT-MI 6244, Campus Chair, Galleries, Librarians, Archivists and Museums (GLAM) and Librarian for Gender & Sexuality Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor Kelly McElroy, United Academics of Oregon State, AAUP/AFT Local 9609 Adriene Lim, Dean of Libraries; Professor of the Practice, College of Information Studies, Dean's Office, University of Maryland - College Park Consuella Askew, Vice President for University Libraries and University

	Librarian, Rutgers University Libraries
	Ahsan Ali, Director of Labor Relations, Tufts University, Moderator
1:30 - 3:00 pm ET	Panel: Collaborating Across the Table: The Value of Labor-Management Cooperation in Reversing Contingency
C198	Carla Katz, NTT Faculty, Bargaining Team Member (Labor), Rutgers University Kim O'Halloran, VP of Academic Planning & Administration, Bargaining Team Member (Management), Rutgers University
	Heather Pierce, Adjunct Faculty, Bargaining Team Member (Labor), Rutgers University
	Melissa Sortman, Director of Faculty and Academic Staff Affairs, Michigan State University, Moderator
1:30 - 3:00 pm ET	Book Discussion: Contingent Faculty and the Remaking of Higher Education: A Labor History
C201-202	Gwendolyn Alker, Associate Arts Professor, Department of Drama, New York University
	Joe T. Berry, City College of San Francisco and University of Illinois (retired), COCAL, HELU
	Anne McLeer, Director of Higher Education and Strategic Planning, SEIU Local 500
	Gary Rhoades, Professor and Director, Center for the Study of Higher Education, University of Arizona
	Eric Fure-Slocum, Associate Professor of History (Emeritus), co-editor of Contingent Faculty and the Remaking of Higher Education, Moderator
1:30 - 3:00	Panel: Best Practices in Collective Negotiations
pm ET	Pamela S. Silverblatt, Senior Counsel, Bond, Schoeneck & King PLLC
C204-205	Joseph P. McConnell, Partner, Morgan, Brown & Joy, LLP
	Frederick Floss, Professor, Economics and Finance, and Co-Director, Center for Economic Education, SUNY Buffalo State University
	Elizabeth Vignaux, Labor Relations Specialist, NYSUT
	Scott M. Sommer, Commissioner, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, Moderator
3:00 - 3:15 pm ET	Break
	Concurrent Sessions
3:15 - 4:45	Book Discussion: The Costs of Completion: Student Success in
pm ET	Community College
C197	Robin G. Isserles, Author, <i>The Costs of Completion: Student Success in Computity College</i> , Professor of Sociology, Borough of Manhattan Community
	Community College, Professor of Sociology, Borough of Manhattan Community College, CUNY, and Grievance Counselor for Full-time Faculty, PSC BMCC Chapter
	Christine Mangino, President, Queensborough Community College, CUNY Wendy Brill-Wynkoop, President, Faculty Association of California Community Colleges
	Colena Sesanker, Associate Professor, Philosophy, Gateway Community

	College, CT, Member of Board of Regents of CSCU	
	Jennifer Shanoski, Chemistry, Merritt College, Oakland California, Moderator	
3:15 - 4:45 pm ET C198	Panel: The First Amendment and the Erosion of Managerial Authority Martin Malin, Professor Emeritus at Chicago-Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology Rachel Paster, Associate Counsel, NYSUT, Commentator Howard Miller, Bond, Schoeneck & King PLLC, Commentator John Wirenius, Chairperson, New York State Public Employment Relations	
3:15 - 4:45	Board, Moderator Facilitated Session: Bargaining Over Job Security for Contingent Faculty	
pm ET C201-202	Benjamin Superfine, Assistant Vice Provost for Faculty Relations, University of Illinois Chicago Mia McIver, Lecturer, UCLA; President, CFT Universities Council; former President and Lead Negotiator, UC-AFT Local 1474 Theodore H. Curry, Associate Provost and Associate Vice President for Academic Human Resources Emeritus, Professor Emeritus, School of Human Resources and Labor Relations, Michigan State University, Moderator	
3:15 - 4:45	Panel: Best Practices in Arbitration in Higher Education and the	
pm ET C204-205	Professions Mark Gaston Pearce, Executive Director, Workers' Rights Institute, Georgetown University Law School, and former National Labor Relations Board Chairman Katie Rosen, Labor Arbitrator & Mediator Marlene A. Gold, Labor Arbitrator & Mediator Homer La Rue, Labor Arbitrator, Mediator, Professor, Howard University Law School, Moderator	
	Panel is co-sponsored by the National Academy of Arbitrators.	
	Videographer of Various Panels during Conference: Alexandra Lacey, Director/Producer - Persuasion Pictures	
	Tuesday, March 19, 2024	
	CUNY Graduate Center, 365 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10016 (Entrance on Fifth Avenue between 34th and 35th Street)	
8:00 - 9:00 am ET Concourse	Continental Breakfast	
Concourse	Concurrent Sessions	
9:00 - 10:30	Book Discussion: The Right to Learn: Resisting the Right-Wing Attack on	
am ET	Academic Freedom	
Proshansky Auditorium	Jennifer Ruth, Professor of Film, College of the Arts, Portland State University Ellen Schrecker, Professor of History, retired, Yeshiva University, co-editor	

	Helena Worthen, labor educator, retired, University of Illinois, School of Labor
	and Employment Relations Charles Teamba, Professor of Africana Studies, San Diago State University
	Charles Toombs, Professor of Africana Studies, San Diego State University; President, California Faculty Association, Moderator
9:00 – 10:30	Panel: Resident and Fellow Unionization: Lessons from State Medical
am ET	Schools
C197	Banks Evans, Assistant Vice President, Labor Relations, University of
	Washington
	Cindy Hamra, Associate Dean, Graduate Medical Education, University of Washington School of Medicine
	Wade Baughman, Associate Director of Labor Relations, University of Michigan, Commentator
	David Dashefsky, Director of Strategic Campaigns, CIR-SEIU Healthcare, Commentator
	Michael Kelly, Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education, Commentator
	Sara Slinn, Associate Professor, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Moderator
9:00 - 10:30	Panel: Trustees' Perspectives on Collective Bargaining
am ET	Susan Solomon, City College of San Francisco Trustee
C198	Todd J. Regis, Central Michigan University Trustee
	Paul Brown, University of Michigan Board of Regents
	Kenneth M. Mash, President, APSCUF, Moderator
9:00 – 10:30	Panel: Graduate Student Representation Election Outcomes, 2020-2023:
am ET	Navigating a New Era of Graduate Student Unionization
C201-202	Jacob Apkarian, Associate Professor, Sociology, York College, CUNY
	Joseph van der Naald, PhD Candidate in Sociology, Graduate Center, CUNY
	Gary Rhoades, Professor and Director, Center for the Study of Higher Education, University of Arizona, Commentator
	Nicholas DiGiovanni, Partner, Morgan, Brown & Joy, LLP, Commentator
	Kathy Collins, Director, Huron Consulting Group, Moderator
9:00 - 10:30	Panel: Labor Justice and Labor Studies in Higher Education
am ET	Joy Blanchard, Associate Professor, Lutrill and Pearl Payne School of
C204	Education, Louisiana State University
	Jordan Harper, Assistant Professor of Higher Education and Student Affairs,
	Morgan State University
	Ananya Malik, doctoral student, Louise McBee Institute of Higher Education,
	University of Georgia
	Letitia F. Silas, Labor and Employment Attorney and Consultant, Commentator
	Calvin John Smiley, Associate Professor, Sociology, Hunter College-CUNY,
	Commentator
	Adrienne Eaton, Dean, Office of the Dean and Distinguished Professor, Labor Studies and Employment Relations (LSER), Rutgers University, Moderator

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9:00 – 10:30 am ET C205	Panel: Collective Bargaining and Museums Amanda Tobin Ripley, Graduate Teaching Associate, Ohio State University Maida Rosenstein, Director of Organizing, Technical, Office and Professional Union, Local 2110 UAW Trish Jeffers, Deputy Director, Human Resources, Guggenheim Museum Halcyone Schiller, President, Local 397, AFSCME DC47 Donna Gustafson, Chief Curator, Zimmerli Art Museum, Rutgers University Michael Loconto, Labor Arbitrator, Loconto ADR, Moderator
10:30 – 10:45	Break
am ET	Concurrent Sessions
10:45 am -	Panel: Annual Legal Update (CLE)*
12:15 pm ET	Amy L. Rosenberger, Willig, Williams & Davidson
Proshansky	Henry Morris, Jr., Partner, ArentFox Schiff LLP
Auditorium	Aaron Nisenson, Senior Legal Counsel, AAUP
	Brian Selchick, Cullen and Dykman LLP
	Jessica Alvarez, Acting General Counsel, Hunter College, CUNY, Moderator
10:45 am - 12:15 pm ET C197	Panel: Bargaining Issues for Classified, Clerical, and Other Campus Staff Sarah Wofford, AFT Vice President, Oregon School Employees Association Christine O'Connell, President, Union of Rutgers Administrators AFT Local 1766 Rainah Chambliss, Co-President of the Faculty and Staff Federation of Community College of Philadelphia Andre' Poplar, Vice Chancellor – Human Resources and Diversity, Equity,
	Inclusion & Justice, Oakland Community College – District, Moderator
10:45 am -	Facilitated Session: State of New Faculty Unionization: A Meet-Up
12:15 pm ET	Co-Facilitators:
C198	Joseph van der Naald, Phd Candidate in Sociology, CUNY Graduate Center,
	and National Center Research Fellow
	Trent McDonald, Staff Organizer, Rutgers AAUP-AFT
10:45 am -	Facilitated Session: A New Wave of Undergraduate Student Unionization in
12:15 pm ET	Higher Education
C201-202	Cory McCartan, founder, Union of Grinnell Student Dining Workers; former
	bargaining committee member, HGSU-UAW L. 5118, Facilitator
	Joseph Jelincic, Assistant Vice Chancellor in Collective Bargaining, California
	State University, Facilitator
	Dylan Belknap-Lerner, Labor Advocate, AFSCME, Moderator
10:45 am -	Panel: Academic Union Responses to Vaccine Mandates in Higher
12:15 pm ET	Education Institutions in Canada and the United States
C204	Alison Braley-Rattai, Associate Professor, Department of Labour Studies, Brock University
	Larry Savage, Professor, Department of Labour Studies, Brock University
	Jean Grassman, Associate Professor, Environmental, Occupational, and
	Geospatial Health Sciences, CUNY School of Public Health
	Kara Laskowski, Professor and Chair, Communication Studies, Shippensburg University and State APSCUF Meet and Discuss Chair

	Ellie Barbarash, CPEA, AFSCME Senior Health and Safety Advocate, Moderator
10:45 am - 12:15 pm ET C205	Book Discussion: Unionizing the Ivory Tower: Cornell Workers' Fifteen-Year Fight for Justice and a Living Wage Al Davidoff, Organizational and Leadership Development Director, Solidarity Center; Author, Unionizing the Ivory Tower: Cornell Workers' Fifteen-Year Fight for Justice and a Living Wage (ILR Press, 2023) Carrie Barbash, President, Harvard Union of Clerical and Technical Workers, Commentator Carlos Aramayo, President, UNITE HERE Local 26, Commentator Scott Phillipson, Chair of Higher Ed Council, SEIU, Moderator
12:15 - 1:15 pm ET Concourse	Lunch: Food Service

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