

A Nation of Immigrants: American Democracy and Civics Education

Florida Atlantic University's Jack Miller Forum for Civics Education

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Bridge Hotel, Boca Raton, Florida



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Conference Schedule

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

7:00 pm. Conference reception and dinner.
 Welcoming address and keynote speech.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

8:00 – 9:15 am Breakfast
9:30 am - Noon Plenary
Noon - 1:30 pm Lunch
1:30 pm – 4:30 pm Panels

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

8:00 – 9:15 am Breakfast
9:30 am - Noon Panels
Noon - 1:30 pm Lunch
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

8:00 – 9:15 am Breakfast
9:30 am – 12:15 pm Panels
12:15 - 1:30 pm Lunch
1:30 pm – 4:30 pm Panels
6:00 – 9:00 pm Dinner

Keynote Conference Address

“Civics Education in an Interdependent World”



Professor Benjamin R. Barber

Distinguished Senior Fellow at Demos
President and Director of CivWorld
Gershon and Carol Kekst Professor of Civil Society and
Distinguished University Professor at the University of Maryland School of Public Policy

7:00 pm Wednesday, January 28

Bridge Radisson Hotel
Boca Raton, FL 33432

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Conference Program

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

2:00 – 6:00 Conference participants arrive, check into hotel.

7:00 - 9:00 Conference reception and dinner.

Keynote address: “Civics Education in an Interdependent World.”
Benjamin R. Barber, President and Director of CivWorld.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

8:00 – 9:15 **Breakfast at Carmen’s Restaurant**

9:30 - Noon **Opening Plenary Session: “Civic Identity and
Transplanting Albion’s Seed”**

Keith Wrightson
Yale University

“These Which be Participant of the Commonwealth: Civil Participation and
Social Identities in Early Modern England.”

Coffee break

Bruce Lenman
St. Andrews University

“Migration, Opportunity and Identity: Scottish Networks from the
Chesapeake to Cuba.”

Panel moderated by Gordon Schochet, Rutgers University.

Noon **Lunch at Carmen’s Restaurant**

1:30 – 3:00 **Point-Counterpoint**

“Who Are We? A Response to Samuel Huntington.”

Peter Skerry, Boston College and Charles Kesler, Claremont McKenna University. Panel moderated by Pamela Edwards, Jack Miller Center.

3:15 – 4:30 **Bias in the Classroom**

Bruce Smith
George Mason University
“Is There Political Bias in the Classroom?”

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

8:00 – 9:15 **Breakfast at Carmen’s Restaurant**

9:30 – 11:00 **Civics Education Strategies**

Barbara Pickering
University of Nebraska at Omaha
“Democracy in Action: The Contribution of the ‘DebateWatch’
Project to Civic Participation.”

Herbert Simons
Temple University
“Innovations in Pedagogy for Civics Engagement: Temple Issues Forum and
NCA Forum.”

William Keith
University of Wisconsin-Madison
“An American Way to Talk: Forums as Civic Education in the 1930s.”

Session chair: David Williams, Florida Atlantic University.

Coffee break

11:30 - 12:30 **Civics Education**

Daniel Cullen
Rhodes College
“Liberal Education and Liberal Democracy.”

Jason Gainous and Allison Martens
Louisville University
“Does Civics Education Actually Work?”

Session chair: Kevin Wagner, Florida Atlantic University.

12:30 **Lunch at Carmen’s Restaurant**

1:30 – 2:45 **Civics Education in the Classroom**

Joseph Zompetti
Illinois State University
“Teaching Civic and Political Engagement: Fostering Collegiate Civic Education Through Activism.”

Richard Scher
University of Florida
“Wither Civic Education.”

Session chair: Kevin Wagner, Florida Atlantic University

Break

3:00 – 4:30 **The Dialogue of Citizenship**

Raymie E. McKerrow
Ohio University
“The Role of Argument in Civics Education: Enhancing Citizenship in a Transcultural Society.”

Brett Lunceford
University of South Alabama
“Creating the Ideal Citizen: Rhetorical Education and the Public Sphere.”

Robert Danisch
Concordia University
“Jane Addams, Hull-House and Rhetorical Citizenship in Multicultural Democracies.”

Session chair: Noemi Marin, Florida Atlantic University

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

8:00 – 9:15 am **Breakfast at Carmen’s Restaurant**

9:15 – 10:45 **Immigration**

Catherine Wilson
Villanova University
“Americanism versus Cosmopolitanism: Civics Education in the 21st Century.”

Thomas Goodnight
University of Southern California
“Immigration and the Undoing of Federated Consensus.”

Session chair: Valeria Fabj, Florida Atlantic University

Coffee break

11:00 – 12:30 **New Approaches to Civics Education**

Maxim Fetissenko
Northeastern University
“On Truth, Partisanship, and the Role of Structured Reflection in Traditional and Experiential Civics Education Curricula.”

Siho Nam
University of North Florida
“Media Literacy as Civics Education in the Age of Globalization: Toward a Model for Critical Global Media Literacy.”

Leslie Reynard
Washburn University
“Cyber Civics: Rhetorical Strategies for Civic Engagement In the Virtual Public Sphere.”

Session chair: Becky Mulvaney, Florida Atlantic University

12:30 **Lunch at Carmen’s Restaurant**

1:30 – 2:45 **Immigration**

Harry Brod and Karen Mitchell
University of Northern Iowa
“Educating Our Students to Educate Other Students About ‘Other’ Students.”

Lene Arnett Jensen
Clark University
“Immigrant Political and Social Involvement: Motives and Organizational Contexts.”

2:45 – 4:45 **The Founding**

Thomas C. Walker
SUNY Albany “Thomas Paine, Democratization and America’s Ongoing Mission: A Reconsideration.”

Michelle Orihel
Syracuse University
“Liberty, Equality and No King: the Democratic-Republican Societies and the Education of Republican Citizens in 1790s America.”

Session chair: Doug Kanter, Florida Atlantic University

Break

4:00-5:00 **Democracy in America, and England?**

Jonathan Clark

University of Kansas

“Democracy in America, and England?”

6:00 – 9:00 pm Casual dinner at Water Colors Restaurant (1st floor, outside dining). Conference participants will be provided with coupons to use for dinner in an open seating, casual environment.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Breakfast is served at Water Colors Restaurant between 6:30 am (check with restaurant for start time confirmation) and noon. Conference participants will be provided with coupons to use for breakfast at their leisure.

The Jack Miller Forum is a three-year initiative at the University funded by the Jack Miller Center for Teaching America's Founding Principles and History. The Center supports partner faculty and academic centers dedicated to teaching America's founding principles and history.

In addition to its inaugural conference in January, 2009, on the theme of civic education in America, the program also offers a public lectures series that focuses on critical topics regarding America's founding principles and history, essay contests for undergraduate students, support for graduate research and an undergraduate democracy program in the state's capitol.

FAU is delighted to announce the establishment of the Jack Miller Seminar and Reading Room in the political science department, a resource aimed at bringing faculty and students together for research and discussion. As a designated Liberty Fund Pilot Book Program, the Jack Miller Reading Room hosts a collection of six-hundred hardbound volumes.

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For more information about the program, please visit our webpage at www.fau.edu/jackmillerforum.

