## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Massachusetts Conference on Civic Learning and Engagement

# Making Democracy Work: Civic Learning and Civic Engagement in Higher Education

Tuesday, May 28, 2019 | 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Fitchburg State University, Hammond Hall





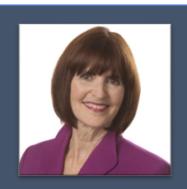
In 2012, the **Massachusetts Board of Higher Education** named "Preparing Citizens" as one of its strategic goals for public higher education, following this in 2014 with a Policy on Civic Learning describing civic learning as happening in the classroom, in the cocurriculum, and through engagement in the communities beyond the campuses. This is the fifth annual conference that the Department of Higher Education has held to support administrators, faculty, and staff in making Civic Learning an expectation for all undergraduates. Our focus today is on how our campuses can cultivate in our students the habits they need to sustain the promise of democracy.

Campus Compact of Southern New England has been a valued partner throughout this process, helping form the policy and helping Massachusetts public campuses implement it. We are pleased to be joined today by CCSNE's members from private Massachusetts institutions and public or private institutions in Connecticut and Rhode Island; we hope that the relationships started or strengthened today will support collaboration across our region in this work critically important for us all—and for our democracy.

#### **Agenda**

8:15 a.m.	Registration/Continental Br	eakfast	Falcon Hub (street level)
9 a.m.	Welcome		Hammond Main Lounge
	Richard S. Lapidus, President	t, Fitchburg State University	
	Matt Farley, Regional Director England	r, Campus Compact for Southern New	
	Pat Marshall, Deputy Commis Success, Mass DHE	ssioner for Academic Affairs & Student	
	State Senator Harriet Chandle	er (D-First Worcester)	
	John Reiff, Director of Civic Le	earning & Engagement, Mass DHE	
9:30 a.m.	Keynote Address: Cultiva	ating Democratic Habits for	Hammond Main Lounge

Caryn McTighe Musil, Senior Director of Civic Learning and Democracy Initiatives. Association of American Colleges and



Learning, Work, and Life

Caryn McTighe Musil has had a distinguished career as a professor, non-profit executive, educational consultant, writer, and public speaker. After being a tenured professor of English and Women's Studies, Dr. Musil began at the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) in 1991 and is currently Senior Director of Civic Learning and

Democracy Initiatives after having served as Senior Vice President of the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Global Initiatives for fourteen years. At AAC&U, she has directed more than two dozen national and global higher education projects about civic engagement, diversity, global learning, and democracy, with a special focus on curriculum and faculty development and institutional change. She was the lead author of A Crucible Moment: College Learning and Democracy's Future, a national report that seeks to move civic learning from niches to norms. Dr. Musil received her B.A. from Duke University and her M.A. and Ph.D. in English from Northwestern University.

10:30 a.m.	Break		
10:40 a.m.	Table Discussions: How do the themes introduced in the keynote play out at your institution?	Falcon Hub	
11:40 a.m.	Lunch	Falcon Hub	
12:30 p.m.	Breakout Sessions		
	A Deeper Dive into Designs for Democratic Habits	Hammond Tower 314	
	Caryn McTighe Musil, Association of American Colleges and Universities		
	Dialogue as a Practice of Democracy: Teaching Our Students (and Ourselves) to Communicate Across Difference	Hammond S08	
	Kerri Leyda Nicoll, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts Kai Warren, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts		

#### Getting Beyond the Echo Chamber: How Students Can Engage Hammond G01 Critically with Conflicting Sources about the Trouble We're In and What We Need to Do Adam Gismondi, Institute for Democracy in Higher Education, Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life, Tufts University, and Cindy Vincent, Salem State University "Today's Vote": Using a Simulation to Teach Students How Hammond G19 **Policy Gets Argued and Made** Caroline Angel Burke, Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the U.S. Senate, Kylie Jusseaume, UMass Boston, Nana Darkwa, Worcester State University, Jaymi Lyn Souza, Worcester State University and Mike Kubicki, Worcester State University Citizen Science: Using Scientific Inquiry to Inform Hammond Tower 214 **Public Policy-Making** Moderated by Mark Wagner, Worcester State University Steven Winters, Holyoke Community College, Jamie Remilliard, Worcester State University and Jackie Burmeister, City of Worcester 1:30 p.m. Break 1:40 p.m. **Breakout Sessions** Naming and Framing Democratic Engagement as a Top Priority Hammond Tower 214 of Community Colleges Verdis Robinson, Campus Compact Dialogue as a Practice of Democracy: Teaching Our Students Hammond S08 (and Ourselves) to Communicate Across Difference Kerri Nicoll, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts and Kai Warren, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts Getting Beyond the Echo Chamber: How Students Can Engage Hammond G01 Critically with Conflicting Sources about the Trouble We're In and What We Need to Do Adam Gismondi, Institute for Democracy in Higher Education, Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life, Tufts University, and Cindy Vincent, Salem State University "Today's Vote": Using a Simulation to Teach Students How Hammond Tower 314 **Policy Gets Argued and Made** Caroline Angel Burke, Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the U.S. Senate, Kylie Jusseaume, UMass Boston, Nana Darkwa, Worcester State University, Jaymi Lyn Souza, Worcester State University and Mike Kubicki, Worcester State University 2:40 p.m. Transition time

2:45 p.m.

3 p.m. **Adjourn** 

**Closing Session** 

Falcon Hub

### **Conference Planning Committee**

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