

5th 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



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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 co-curriculum, 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 Breakfast	Falcon Hub (street level)
9 a.m.	Welcome <i>Richard S. Lapidus, President, Fitchburg State University</i> <i>Matt Farley, Regional Director, Campus Compact for Southern New England</i> <i>Pat Marshall, Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs & Student Success, Mass DHE</i> <i>State Senator Harriet Chandler (D-First Worcester)</i> <i>John Reiff, Director of Civic Learning & Engagement, Mass DHE</i>	Hammond Main Lounge
9:30 a.m.	Keynote Address: Cultivating Democratic Habits for Learning, Work, and Life <i>Caryn McTighe Musil, Senior Director of Civic Learning and Democracy Initiatives, Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U)</i>	Hammond Main Lounge
	<p>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 <i>A Crucible Moment: College Learning and Democracy's Future</i>, 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.</p>	
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 <i>Caryn McTighe Musil, Association of American Colleges and Universities</i>	Hammond Tower 314
	Dialogue as a Practice of Democracy: Teaching Our Students (and Ourselves) to Communicate Across Difference <i>Kerri Leyda Nicoll, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts</i> <i>Kai Warren, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts</i>	Hammond S08

Getting Beyond the Echo Chamber: How Students Can Engage Critically with Conflicting Sources about the Trouble We're In and What We Need to Do

Hammond G01

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 Policy Gets Argued and Made

Hammond G19

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 Public Policy-Making

Hammond Tower 214

*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 of Community Colleges

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Verdis Robinson, Campus Compact

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2:40 p.m. **Transition time**

2:45 p.m. **Closing Session**

Falcon Hub

3 p.m. **Adjourn**

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