Annual Conference

Opening Up General and Liberal Studies:
Diverse Populations, Dynamic Outcomes

Association for General & Liberal Studies

55th Annual Conference
September 24-26, 2015
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
509 West Wisconsin Avenue
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In crafting our theme this year, we drew inspiration from the Milwaukee Art Museum, which is crowned by the famed Burke Brise Soleil, a moveable sunscreen with a 217 foot wingspan that opens and closes twice daily (cover photo). The Museum’s moveable architecture is a metaphor for the conversations about diversity and inclusivity that have opened up Higher Education today.

As administrators and teaching faculty within General and Liberal Studies, we are increasingly called upon to respond to multiple, contested meanings of diversity and inclusivity, both in terms of curriculum and pedagogy and admissions and competition. Nationally, we have seen voter-driven initiatives in several states challenge Affirmative Action programs, yet the ‘holistic’ admissions policies of Higher Education institutions remain intact, as does our commitment to the educational benefits of a diverse student body. Globally, we have heard political leaders proclaim that “Multiculturalism is dead,” yet it continues to be upheld and practiced in many international contexts. For some stakeholders, the survival of language remains at the heart of the debate. For others, it’s a debate over religious freedom. On many campuses, these larger trends have played out in the decline of language studies or attacks against area studies programs and controversies over students’ access to birth control or the practice of daily prayer by Muslims.

Milwaukee is an excellent location for a conference focusing on diversity. Milwaukee’s art and cultural heritage, its ethnic diversity, and historic resources provide a rich sense of identity, diversity, pride, and creativity that improves the quality of life for residents and the city’s attractiveness as a destination. These resources establish Milwaukee as unique to all other cities, and as a strong competitor as a desirable place to live, work, and visit.

Milwaukee prides itself on the diverse and ever changing cultural contributions of the people who came to the city to make a home. Throughout the year and around the city, you will find festivals celebrating the rich, diverse backgrounds of its current residents as well as Milwaukee’s historic past.
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Welcome to the 55th annual meeting of the Association for General and Liberal Studies.

The Executive Board and I are especially pleased to be here in Milwaukee, home of the famed Burke Brise Soliel, which inspired our theme Opening Up General and Liberal Studies: Diverse Populations, Dynamic Outcomes. If you follow higher education news and national conversations at all, then you already know the sobering statistics: today, “fewer than one in three young people achieve the dream” of a college degree, and racial or ethnic minority students make up the majority of these non-completers (Gaston, 5).

As we gather in Milwaukee, a city with a long history of diverse populations, we take seriously the challenges we face as administrators, as faculty members, and as proponents of general and liberal education for all.

In keeping with AGLS traditions, we offer you a wide array of practical sessions led by colleagues just like you—people who are “in the trenches” of higher education, who work with diverse students every day, and who understand the practical realities we face in a time of rising costs and limited resources. We also have a stellar line-up of nationally-recognized keynote speakers as well as multiple opportunities for casual conversations. Like the Burke Brise Soliel, a moveable sunscreen atop the Milwaukee Art Museum, AGLS members are open to change, welcoming, and inspiring.

Thank you for your commitment to general and liberal studies.

I wish you a great conference!

Sincerely,

Meg Mulrooney

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Paul Gaston
General Education Transformed: How We Can, Why We Must
(AAC&U, 2015), 5.
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2003-2004  Rob Mauldin, Shawnee State University
2005-2006  Margaret J. Downes, University of North Carolina, Asheville
2007-2008  Michael Gress, Vincennes University
2009-2010  Stephen Bowen, Oxford College of Emory University
2011-2012  Lawrence Kaptain, Louisiana State University
2013-2014  Lenore Rodicio, Miami Dade College
2015-2016  Margaret Mulrooney, James Madison University
What’s in a Welter?
Revitalizing Liberal Education in a Bowl of Alphabet Soup

Paul Gaston
Trustees Professor of English, Kent State University

Paul serves Kent State University as its sole Trustees Professor. In this role, he pursues a broad commitment to interdisciplinary teaching and research in higher education reform, public policy and the humanities. As the author of The Challenge of Bologna (2010), he speaks often on European higher education reform and its lessons for the world. He is the co-author (with Jerry Gaff) of Revising General Education (2009) and General Education and Liberal Learning (2010). One of four authors of the DQP, he serves as a consultant to Lumina Foundation and makes presentations describing the development and potential uses of the DQP. He earned both a master’s and Ph.D. from the University of Virginia, where he was a Woodrow Wilson Fellow.

He is the author of three books and of more than 40 scholarly articles on subjects ranging from interart analogies, the poetry of George Herbert, and the fiction of Walker Percy, to academic strategic planning, the Higher Education Act, and the assessment of educational outcomes. His most recent articles concern George Herbert and the British Hymn Tradition, the risks of excessive reliance on computer program trading in futures markets, Il Gattopardo (Italian novel), the Bologna Process (European higher education reform), and regional campus administration. His book on general education reform, co-authored with Jerry Gaff, was published in 2009 by the AAC&U. His book on the Bologna Process, The Challenge of Bologna, was published January 2010 by Stylus Publishing, LLC.
Throughout the culture wars of the last 30-plus years, within and outside the Academy, the ongoing battles have been mainly about what should be taught. During those same years, however, many researchers have focused on why the core outcomes common to general and liberal studies – such as critical thinking, respect for diversity, reflective self-awareness, etc. – are so very difficult to achieve and how we might more effectively learn, teach, and assess them. In this highly interactive keynote, we'll consider research-based guidelines for promoting deep, transformative learning and try out a few practical techniques. We'll also consider some common current teaching, learning and assessment practices that are more likely to inhibit than advance liberal learning. You can expect to leave this session with two or three promising ideas you could apply in your work, as well as references and resources to share with colleagues.

This year, Dr. Angelo became an Assistant Provost, Director of the Center for the Advancement of Faculty Excellence (CAFE) and Professor of Higher Education at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

As Assistant Provost and Director of the Center for the Advancement of Faculty Excellence (CAFE), Tom serves on the Academic Affairs administrative team and advises, assists and collaborates with Deans, other academic leaders and all of Queens’ faculty and related staff to promote effective and efficient teaching; the scholarship of teaching, learning and educational research; and overall faculty career development at Queens. He is responsible for developing, leading and administering the University's newly created Center for the Advancement of Faculty Excellence.
(CAFE) and for designing and delivering a "CAFE Curriculum" which will include events, seminars, workshops and both non-credit and for-credit courses. Since joining Queens on August 1, Tom has already designed and led the New Faculty Orientation, organized the Fall Faculty Colloquium, and offered two workshops for faculty.

For the past twenty-five years, Tom Angelo has served - often concurrently - as a faculty member, faculty developer, academic administrator and researcher at several institutions, including: Harvard University, the University of California-Berkeley, Boston College, the University of Miami, the American Association for Higher Education (AAHE), Victoria University of Wellington (New Zealand) and La Trobe University (Australia).

Prior to Queens, Tom had directed five university teaching and learning centers, three of which he also designed and founded. Throughout, he has continued to teach undergraduate courses in political science, freshman composition, teacher education and introductory statistics as well as postgraduate courses in applied linguistics, assessment and evaluation and higher education.

From 2008 to 2012, Tom held the posts of Pro Vice-Chancellor (Curriculum and Academic Planning), Founding Director of the Curriculum, Teaching & Learning Centre and Professor of Higher Education at La Trobe University in Melbourne, Australia. From 2009 through 2011, he also designed and directed La Trobe's Design for Learning Project, an ambitious revision and redesign of the university’s entire undergraduate curriculum.

Tom has consulted on teaching, assessment and learning improvement in 17 countries and throughout the United States for more than 60 higher education associations/systems and more than 250 postsecondary institutions. He has also served as invited keynote/featured speaker at more than seventy-five higher education conferences internationally. Among his recent invited keynotes were the 2013 Council of Ontario Universities' Learning Outcomes Assessment Conference; 2012 Lilly Conference on College Teaching; 2012 Indianapolis Assessment Institute; 2011 EDUCAUSE Learning Initiative; and 2010 AACSB International Assessment Conference.

Internationally, Tom has been awarded fellowships from the Fulbright Program (Italy), the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation (Portugal), the Carrick Institute for Learning and Teaching in Higher Education (Australia) and the Higher Education Research and Development Society of Australasia.

He has authored or co-authored five books and more than thirty-five articles and chapters. His best-known publication is Classroom Assessment Techniques: A Handbook for College Teachers, 2nd Edition, with more than 100,000 copies in print.
What is the definition of liberal education? While exploring how we could define liberal education, Albertine will make the case that collaboration is for essential learning in college and will recommend that collaborations be advanced across and among all institutions in states, systems, and regions.

The goal of such collaboration? A liberating experience of general education for all students, with particular emphasis on equity and the success of students least likely to thrive in college. Albertine will share stories and examples from the state-level and consortial work of the Association of American Colleges & Universities centennial initiative Liberal Education and America’s Promise--LEAP. The LEAP States initiative, as it is known, now brings together eleven states and two multi-state consortia and has opened discussions of global liberal education beyond the United States, including new efforts in the Middle East and Japan.

A career-long advocate for literacy, Dr. Susan Albertine came into the middle- and high school developmental classroom through the alternative school movement. She received her BA from Cornell University, her MA from SUNY Cortland, and her Ph.D. from the University of Chicago, all in English literature. As a graduate student, she taught simultaneously at Chicago State University and the University of Chicago—and got her first glimpse of a profound social obligation to bring the highest quality college learning to the students least likely to have that experience. She went on to teach English and composition at St. Olaf College and then Susquehanna University, where she became English department chair. Later she served as Vice Provost at Temple University, where she began her national work in higher education reform. In 2002 she became Professor of English and Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at the College of New Jersey, where she served until joining AAC&U in 2008 as senior director of the LEAP States Initiative. In 2010, Albertine became vice president, Office of Diversity, Equity, and Student Success, at AAC&U. The office provides leadership for the overall program of LEAP partner state initiatives, for
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Albertine's scholarship in American literature of the late 19th century led to research and an array of publications on women's work in print culture and on business

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Making Sense Out of Progress, Making Progress Out of Sense: A Fireside Chat with Paul Gaston and Jerry Gaff

Friday 1:15pm          Wright Ballroom

Inspired by FDR’s famous “fireside chats,” this innovative session is designed as a friendly, informal (and interactive!) dialogue with two of the nation’s leading higher education experts. Have they seen any significant progress in general and liberal education, or do they think we’re solving the same problems over and over? Has the relationship between general education and the major changed over the last fifty years? What current trends should faculty and administrators watch out for? Audience members will be invited to submit similar questions to the moderator.

An experienced scholar with a focus on higher education reform, public policy, and the humanities, Gaston currently serves Kent State as its sole Trustees Professor. He is especially known for his recent work on accreditation and the Bologna process. Previously he served as Provost at both Kent State University and at Northern Kentucky University.

Gaff is Senior Fellow in the Office of Integrative Liberal Learning and the Global Commons, AAC&U. He has directed national projects to strengthen undergraduate general education programs, to support the professional development of faculty, and to develop new models for the graduate preparation of future faculty members. He served earlier in his career as Interim President, Vice President, and Dean at Hamline University.

Gaston and Gaff are co-authors of Revising General Education--and Avoiding the Potholes (2009).
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By Paul Gaston

This publication calls for a re-envisioning of general education with clear, purposeful pathways for all students, allowing them to actively demonstrate their learning through high-impact practices and teaching strategies that are transferable across disciplines, departments, institutions, and even state systems. Reflecting the core vision articulated in General Education Maps and Markers, it addresses student success in terms of both college completion and achievement of essential twenty-first-century learning outcomes, including those articulated in LEAP and in Lumina Foundation's Degree Qualifications Profile. The publication also addresses how this general education framework helps to foster essential capacities for career, citizenship, and global engagement for today's diverse and mobile students. This is an excellent resource for general education reform and curriculum committees.

monograph Published by AAC&U April 2015; available through AAC&U

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Institutional memberships are $350 per year, running September 1 to August 31.
Increasingly national and international education officials, accreditors, and faculty leaders associate “quality” education with student learning outcomes and continuous quality improvement processes. Academic leaders and accrediting bodies discourage viewing education as a simple act of passing a static body of knowledge from faculty to students. Instead, they value education practiced as a commitment to a set of collectively-practiced, ongoing activities: making institutional choices about the most important goals for student learning and defining the learning in terms of desired outcomes; developing a shared faculty commitment to actions such as high impact, active learning strategies and faculty development designed to increase student achievement; making informed judgments about student achievement; and ensuring continuous improvements in the educational program. Despite the commitment of academic leaders and accreditors to these processes, too few institutions have succeeded in applying systematic improvement processes to the general education program. As a result, higher education accountability and improvement discussions assume higher education can benefit from models of innovative and effective general education program assessment.

The AGLS’s mission is singularly committed to quality general education programs and their central role in the liberal education of students. Each year, the organization invites institutions to apply for the AGLS Award for Improving General Education: Exemplary Program Processes, which promotes institutional commitment to continuous quality improvement processes, recognizing faculty and institutions that practice these quality behaviors, and provides much needed examples of effective improvement processes. The Award recognizes institutions committed to a specified systematic improvement that is driven by learning assessment. The Award will recognize institutions using assessment to reconsider learning goals, develop a shared commit to improved learning strategies, and determine the success of these efforts.

Previous Recipients

2015 Boise State University; Chinese University, Hong Kong; Portland State University; Saint Mary’s College (CA)
2014 University of South Carolina; St. Mary’s University (TX)
2013 no award given
2012 Wofford College
2011 George Mason University; Stetson University
2010 Carleton College; Champlain College; Wright State University
2009 James Madison University
2008 Miami Dade College; University of North Dakota
2007 Portland State University; Eastern Michigan University; University of North Carolina at Asheville
Since 1992, upon identifying a stellar candidate, the AGLS Council selects a person in the United States to receive the Joseph Katz Award for Distinguished Contributions to the Practice and Discourse of General and Liberal Education. This is a person whose commitment and activity has contributed greatly to the improvement of the educational experiences of students on campuses nationally and to the understanding of the theory and practice of general and liberal education at the national level.

Previous Recipients

2015  Susan Albertine, Association of American Colleges & Universities
2013  Linda Cabe Halpern, James Madison University
2010  Julie Thompson-Klein, Wayne State University
2007  J. Scott Lee, Association for Core Texts and Courses
2005  Carol Geary Schneider, Association of American Colleges & Universities
2003  Karen Schilling,
2001  John Hinni,
1999  John Nichols, St. Joseph’s College
1996  Richard Weeks
1994  Jackson Newell
1993  Kathryn Mohrman
1992  Jerry Gaff, Association of American Colleges & Universities

Saturday, September 26
2015 Joseph Katz Plenary
3:30pm
Susan Albertine

Liberating GE
Jerry G. Gaff Faculty Award
for Faculty Excellence in General and Liberal Education

The Jerry G. Gaff Award is given annually to those who have demonstrated leadership on their campuses in the area of general and liberal education; who have shown evidence of outstanding teaching in general and liberal education courses; and who have a record of achievement in curriculum development, innovation, or implementation in general and liberal education.

The award is named for Jerry G. Gaff, retired Senior Scholar of the Association of American Colleges and Universities, is a respected advocate for general and liberal education for over thirty years. Gaff, who received a Ph.D. in psychology from Syracuse University, previously served on the faculties of five institutions and was dean of the College of Liberal Arts and acting president of Hamline University. He also served as Vice President of AAC&U and directed their Preparing Future Faculty Program. He has authored numerous books including *Toward Faculty Renewal, General Education Today*, and *New Life for the College Curriculum* and co-edited the *Handbook of the Undergraduate Curriculum*.

Previous Recipients

2015  Margaret Oakes, Furman University
2014  no award given
2013  Amy Stackhouse, Iona College
2012  Norm Jones, Utah State University
2011  Joan Hawthorne, University of North Dakota
2010  David B. Gowler, Oxford College of Emory University
2009  Margaret E. Martin, Eastern Connecticut State University
       Daniel Silvermintz, University of Houston, Clear Lake
2008  no award given
2007  no award given
2006  no award given
2005  Edward J. Katz, University of North Carolina, Asheville
2004  no award given
2003  Tony Edmonds, Ball State University
       John Habel, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee
2002  Mary Dickson, Broome Community College
       Fred Albertson, University of Memphis
       Gail Schiffer, Kennesaw State University
THURSDAY 9/24 and FRIDAY 9/25 MORNING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

12:30pm to 1:30pm    REGISTRATION DESK OPEN [4th floor foyer]

1:00pm to 4:30pm    PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

[MacArthur]  CAGLS’ Welcome to the Neighborhood: A Primer for Those New to General Education Programs
Larry Peterson (North Dakota State University), Paul Winterhoff (Meredith College), and Leon Book (Southwest Missouri Hospital College of Nursing and Health Sciences)

3:00pm to 5:00pm    REGISTRATION DESK OPEN [4th floor foyer]

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

7:00am to 5:00pm    REGISTRATION DESK OPEN [4th floor foyer]

7:30am to 8:30am    CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST [Wright Ballroom]

8:00am to 9:30am    OPENING PLENARY [Wright Ballroom]
Welcome to Milwaukee, Meg Mulrooney, AGLS President (James Madison University)
Speaker Introduction by John Frederick (University of South Carolina at Charlotte)
Transformative Liberal Learning for All: Practical Research-based Guidelines and Options
Thomas Angelo (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)

9:45am to 10:45am    CONCURRENT SESSIONS

[MacArthur]  Cultural Challenges of Teaching General Education Courses to Saudi/ Middle Eastern Students
Steven Weiss (Northern Kentucky University)

[Mitchell]  Popular Culture in the General Education Classroom: Complicating Learning about Diversity
Todd Onderdonk (St. Edward’s University), Laura Hernandez-Ehrisman (St. Edward’s University) and Amy Nathan (St. Edward’s University)
FRIDAY 9/25 MORNING AND AFTERNOON

[Walker] *Diverse Programs and Diverse States: Can Common Outcomes and Proficiencies Ease Interstate Transfer and Cut Costs: Crash Course or Golden Opportunity?*
Larry Peterson (North Dakota State University) and Thomas Steen (University of North Dakota)

[Pabst] *Flipping Out Over Flipped Classrooms, But Do They Work?*
Peggy Hohensee (Kaplan University)

11:00am to 12:00pm CONCURRENT SESSIONS

[MacArthur] *From Institutional Information to Curricular Design: Using Big Data to Create Equity-Minded General Education Courses*
Sarah Fatherly (Queens University at Charlotte) and Jeffery Thomas (Queens University of Charlotte)

[Mitchell] *Encouraging Campus Conversations on Diversity: Free Speech versus Multicultural Sensitivity*
David Anderson (Lewis University)

[Walker] *Rewarding and Showcasing Excellence in General Education: Out of the Classroom/Into the Spotlight*
Raymond Hyser (James Madison University), Kathy Clarke (James Madison University), Gretchen Hazard (James Madison University) and Georgia Polacek (James Madison University)

[Pabst] *Measuring Diversity Awareness of Students and Faculty (paper session)*
The Transformation of the Individual: Seven Liberal Art Learning Characteristics
David Burrows (Lawrence University)

Appreciation of Liberal Arts and Diversity Education
Rebecca Smith (Pennsylvania College of Health Sciences) and Lena Frennborn (Pennsylvania College of Health Sciences)

12:00pm to 1:00pm LUNCH ON YOUR OWN
Miller Time Pub in the Hilton offers an AGLS Special Lunch Special for $10 (plus tax and gratuity); three lunch menu options to choose from (see below); price includes a non-alcoholic drink; show your name badge to receive the AGLS discount

- Classic Burger: two patties of fresh ground beef, pile high with crisp lettuce, tomato, American cheese and our signature sautéed onions with fries
- Grilled Chicken: grilled chicken breast topped with rosemary mushrooms, Wisconsin cheddar, pico de gallo and chipotle mayo on a bun
- MTPG Chopped Salad: chopped romaine/iceberg lettuce mix, diced cucumbers, Gorgonzola, red onion, garbanzo beans, grape tomatoes, peppered bacon and pesto chicken, tossed with balsamic vinaigrette and topped with crushed croutons and parmesan cheese
FRIDAY 9/25 AFTERNOON

1:00pm to 2:30pm       BEVERAGE SERVICE  [Wright Ballroom]

1:15pm to 2:15pm       CONCURRENT SESSIONS

[Wright Ballroom]  Making Sense Out of Progress, Making Progress Out of Sense: A Fireside Chat with Paul Gaston and Jerry Gaff
Paul Gaston (Kent State University) and Jerry Gaff (Association of American Colleges & Universities)
Moderated by Michael Gress (Vincennes University)

Cory Lock (St. Edward’s University) and Vicki Stieha (Boise State University)

[Mitchell]  Dreaming and Discovering: An Appreciative Approach to Strategic Planning for a General Education Program
Elizabeth Beaulieu (Champlain College) and Kristin Novotny (Champlain College)

[Walker]  Contextualizing Assessment: Course E-portfolios in a Community-based Capstone
Rowanna Carpenter (Portland State University) and Heather Petzold (Portland State University)

[Pabst]  Myth of the City: A Diversity-Oriented Pedagogical Approach to Uniting International Students and Faculty
Bruce Matthes (New School of Architecture and Design)

2:30pm to 3:30pm       CONCURRENT SESSIONS

[MacArthur]  Unification/Diversification: GE Diversity in a Two-Campus University Merger
David Hecht (Purdue University North Central) and Jessica Thomas (Purdue University North Central)

[Mitchell]  What’s Missing from Assessment?
Stephen Spangehl (Plexus International Higher Education)

Kerri Morris (Governors State University)

[Pabst]  How an Online University Addressed Diversity  (paper session)
Multiculturalism and Diversity: Taking the Professional Competency Route
Jody DeKorte (Kaplan University), Kathy Ingram (Kaplan University), and Michele Hinton Riley (Kaplan University)

Design, Content, and Delivery: Diversity Infused into General Education Curriculum
Michele Hinton Riley (Kaplan University), Jody DeKorte (Kaplan University), Kathy Ingram (Kaplan University) and Michael Keathley (Kaplan University)
FRIDAY 9/25 AFTERNOON AND EVENING
SATURDAY MORNING

3:45pm to 5:00pm  KEYNOTE PLENARY  [Wright Ballroom]
Speaker Introduction by Meg Mulrooney, AGLS President (James Madison University)
What’s in a Welter? Revitalizing Liberal Education in a Bowl of Alphabet Soup
Paul Gaston (Kent State University)

5:00pm to 6:30pm  PRESIDENT’S RECEPTION  [Regency Ballroom]
heavy hors d’oeuvres and cash bar

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

7:00am to 3:00pm  REGISTRATION DESK OPEN  [4th floor foyer]

7:30am to 8:30am  FULL BREAKFAST BUFFET  [Wright Ballroom]

7:45am to 8:30am  AGLS AWARDS CEREMONY  [Wright Ballroom]
AGLS Association Update, Meg Mulrooney, AGLS President (James Madison University)
2015 Jerry Gaff Award presentation by David DiMattio, AGLS President Elect (Montgomery County Community College)
2015 Joseph Katz Award presentation by Meg Mulrooney, AGLS President (James Madison University)
2015 Exemplary Program Awards presentations by Mike Gress, AGLS Exemplary Program Award Committee Chair (Vincennes University)

8:30am to 9:15am  AGLS AWARDS CEREMONY  [Wright Ballroom]
As Goes Wisconsin…?: The Changing Climate of Higher Education and Its Implications for the Future
Devarajan Venugopalan, Associate Vice Chancellor (University of Wisconsin Milwaukee), Chris Domes, President (Silver Lake College of the Holy Family), and Sadique Isahaku, Dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences (Milwaukee Area Technical College)
Moderated by Meg Mulrooney, AGLS President (James Madison University)
SATURDAY 9/26 MORNING

9:30am to 10:30am CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Ryan Zerr (University of North Dakota) and Thomas Steen (University of North Dakota)

[Mitchell] **A Core Education in the Midst of Academic Change**
Margaret Oakes (Furman University)
2015 Jerry Gaff Award recipient

[Walker] **The Inclusion of Inclusion: Integrating the Curriculum and Co-Curriculum to Enhance Diversity Education**
Nicholas Vaught (University of South Carolina)

[Pabst] **How Writing Across the Curriculum Engages Learners about Diversity**
Michael Keathley (Kaplan University) and Kurtis Clements (Kaplan University)

10:45am to 11:45am CONCURRENT SESSIONS

[MacArthur] **Incorporating Diversity into the Curriculum via Cross Disciplinary Collaboration** (paper session)
*Raw Theatre: A Performance Experience Created by the Life Stories of Often Invisible Groups: A Collaborative Performance Between Viterbo University, Pangea World Theater, The Boys and Girls Club, and Coulee Council on Addictions*
Jeff Stolz (Viterbo University)

*Including Diversity in the Curriculum through Interprofessional Learning*
Lena Frennborn (Pennsylvania College of Health Sciences)

[Mitchell] **The Challenge of Supporting Diversity through the Co-curriculum for Commuter and Online Students**
Peggy Rosario (Pennsylvania College of Health Sciences) and Rebecca Smith (Pennsylvania College of Health Sciences)

[Walker] **Qualitative Narrative Assessment: Core Text Programs in Review**
sponsored by the Association for Core Texts and Curriculum
David DiMattio (Montgomery County Community Colleges) and Kathleen Burk (University of Dallas)

[Pabst] **Appreciating Cultural Differences: Multicultural Day and "Intersectional Pedagogies" at Saint Francis University**
Lori Woods (Saint Francis University), Aniruddha Bose (Saint Francis University), Gale DeArmin (Saint Francis University) and Roxana Cazan Saint Francis University)
SATURDAY 9/26 AFTERNOON

11:45am to 1:00pm  LUNCH ON YOUR OWN
Miller Time Pub in the Hilton offers an AGLS Special Lunch Special for $10 (plus tax and gratuity); three lunch menu options to choose from (see below); price includes a non-alcoholic drink; show your name badge to receive the AGLS discount

- **Classic Burger**: two patties of fresh ground beef, pile high with crisp lettuce, tomato, American cheese and our signature sautéed onions with fries
- **Grilled Chicken**: grilled chicken breast topped with rosemary mushrooms, Wisconsin cheddar, pico de gallo and chipotle mayo on a bun
- **MTPG Chopped Salad**: chopped romaine/iceberg lettuce mix, diced cucumbers, Gorgonzola, red onion, garbanzo beans, grape tomatoes, peppered bacon and pesto chicken, tossed with balsamic vinaigrette and topped with crushed croutons and parmesan cheese

1:00pm to 2:30pm  BEVERAGE SERVICE  [Wright Ballroom]
snacks available

1:00pm to 2:00pm  CONCURRENT SESSIONS

-[MacArthur]  **Assessment in General Education** (paper session)
*Oscar Wilde on Learning Outcomes Assessment*
Matthew Schneider (High Point University)

*Diversity and Allied Health Professions: Sum and Substance*
Leon Book (Southeast Missouri Hospital College of Nursing and Health Sciences)

-[Mitchell]  **2015 Exemplary Program Award Recipient Presentations**
*Engaging Faculty through Authentic Assessment of University Learning Outcomes*
Susan Paterson McGuire (Boise State University), Vicki Stieha (Boise State University), and Adrian Kane (Boise State University)

*Mentors: Our Best Idea*
Carol Gabrielli (Portland State University)

*Saint Mary’s Collegiate Seminar: Re-envisioning a Venerable Great Books Program for the 21st Century*
Jose Alfonso Feito (Saint Mary’s College of California)

-[Walker]  **Campus Challenges for any GenEd Administrator** (paper session)
*Addressing Diversity in a Redesigned General Education Curriculum: University Explorations at Saint Leo University*

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Patricia Campion (Saint Leo University), Mary Spoto (Saint Leo University) and Pamela Decius (Saint Leo University)

*After 130 Years: Changing Grade Scales at St. Edward’s University*
Peter Austin (St. Edward’s University)

[Pabst] **A Multifaceted Approach to Making Diversity an Integral Part of a Comprehensive Liberal Education**
Ed Klonoski (Northern Illinois University), Anne Bierberick (Northern Illinois University) and Vernese Edghill-Wadlen (Northern Illinois University)

2:15pm to 3:15pm CONCURRENT SESSIONS

[MacArthur] **From Distribution to Common Learning: Reading Classics for Hong Kong Students in the 21st Century**
Leung Mei Yee (Chinese University, Hong Kong) and Chiu Chu Lee (Chinese University, Hong Kong)
2015 International Exemplary Program Award recipient

[Mitchell] **Liberal Education Reform—Chapter 2**
Barbara Smith (Westminster College) and Pangagia Giancarlo (Westminster College)

[Walker] **The Opportunities and Challenges of Full Participation in LLCs**
Chad Long (St. Edward’s University)

[Pabst] **Exciting Examples of How GenEd Goals can be Incorporated into Courses** (paper session)
*The Role of Academic Discourse and Speech-Language Related Technology in the General Education Curriculum*
Susan Behrens (Marymount Manhattan College) and Yoshivel Chirinos (Marymount Manhattan College)

*Exploring Diversity through Problem-Based Learning*
Rebecca Smith (Pennsylvania College of Health Sciences) and Peggy Rosario (Pennsylvania College of Health Sciences)

3:30pm to 4:30pm 2015 JOSEPH KATZ PLENARY [Wright Ballroom]
Speaker Introduction by Thomas Steen (University of North Dakota)

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