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March 17, 2024

I am delighted to welcome all of you to the 51st anniversary conference of the National Center for the Study of Collective Bargaining in Higher Education and the Professions, a highly valued CUNY institution. The theme for this year’s conference is New Crossroads in Collective Bargaining and Labor Relations in Higher Education and the Professions.

The National Center is a labor-management research center that was established by the CUNY Board of Trustees in 1972 and is housed at Hunter College. For over a half-century, the National Center has been a respected national leader in bringing labor leaders, scholars, and administration representatives together to deepen understanding and enhance the effectiveness of labor relations in higher education. That mission is central to the smooth functioning of our universities, especially at CUNY, and I offer my gratitude for your participation in this important conference and celebration, as well as your efforts to build the durable bridges that help us achieve our highest goal—serving our students effectively by focusing on the mutual aims behind our common cause.

Today’s political landscape presents immense challenges—the divisions in our society are deep. The need for dialogue on the issues confronting us has never been greater. The theme of this year’s conference, to examine the past and envision the forward, could not be more important. It is crucial to the vitality of our universities and our society that we continue to work together in good faith to seek solutions to the challenges we all face.

The work of our universities, especially our great public universities, has never been more necessary to help our students succeed in the knowledge economy, but it has also grown more difficult to engage in the robust debate, deep intellectual probing and community-building that are essential elements in the best academic experiences. CUNY’s National Center enhances our collective ability to do that important work and unites us in our educational mission. I wish you the best of luck in your deliberations and I look forward to the insightful ideas and solutions you offer, as you have at all of your annual gatherings.

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Félix V. Matos Rodríguez, Ph.D.
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Even more so, the National Center serves as an important bulwark, fortifying the academy, the professions, practitioners, and the labor-management community.

It builds relationships—bringing together administrators and labor representatives from around the country at conferences, workshops, and webinars to discuss and explore issues and trends in unionization, collective bargaining, and labor relations.

And it builds knowledge—by surveying universities and colleges nationwide to collect information about academic collective bargaining units and contracts.

This vital research and analysis are often cited in articles in the Washington Post, Chronicle of Higher Education, Inside Higher Ed, and Bloomberg, among others.

The theme of this year’s conference is particularly timely: New Crossroads in Collective Bargaining and Labor Relations in Higher Education and the Professions.

Our keynote speaker is Thomas A. Kochan, the George Maverick Bunker Professor of Management, Emeritus, at MIT Sloan School of Management.

Kochan’s scholarship focuses on the need to update America’s work and employment policies in order to keep pace with a changing workforce and economy. His recent work calls attention to the need for a new social contract for workers so that they may share in the prosperity brought by technology.

I’d like to acknowledge those who worked to make this conference—and the National Center’s work—possible.

Thanks again go to Executive Director Bill Herbert and Administrator Michelle Savarese, for their tireless dedication; to the administrators and labor representatives on the National Center’s Board of Advisors for generously giving their time and knowledge; and to the co-editors of the National Center’s Journal of Collective Bargaining in the Academy, which provides fresh research and analysis. Lastly, we thank the conference sponsors and program advertisers for their support of the National Center’s research and programming mission.

Thank you for attending this year’s conference.

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Welcome to the 51st annual labor-management conference of the National Center for the Study of Collective Bargaining in Higher Education and the Professions, Hunter College, City University of New York (CUNY). The National Center is a labor-management research center that was created by the CUNY Board of Trustees in 1972.

Each year since 1973, we have convened a national conference in New York City to examine current and perennial issues in labor relations in higher education and the professions. Our 51st conference theme is New Crossroads in Collective Bargaining and Labor Relations in Higher Education and the Professions, which reflects the new and challenging times that we face collectively.

We are honored this year to have Tom Kochan as our conference keynote speaker. Tom is a renowned labor scholar and a Post-Tenure George Maverick Bunker Professor at the MIT Sloan School of Management and a faculty member in MIT’s Institute for Work and Employment Research. We are also extremely pleased that AFT President Randi Weingarten will be our luncheon speaker to discuss higher education as a public good.

Our central goal in developing this year’s conference program was to make it welcoming to all who work in higher education and the professions. The conference agenda was designed to touch upon fresh issues like artificial intelligence, the recent growth in unionization among graduate and undergraduate student employees and cultural workers at museums. It includes panels on long-standing issues as well, such as academic freedom, free speech, job security, diversity, student enrollment, interns and residents, and best practices in negotiations and arbitration. We also intentionally broadened our program to include panels on unionized librarians, community college issues and collective bargaining issues for classified, clerical, and other campus staff. There is also a special session on stress reduction and resilience building.

Our annual conference would not have been possible without the support of CUNY and Hunter College. We thank the many conference sponsors and those who placed advertisements in the conference program. Finally, we must acknowledge the extraordinary planning and work by our Administrator Michelle Savarese and the valuable input and participation by members of our labor-management Board of Advisors.

Thank you for your participation in our 2024 annual conference.

Very truly yours,

William A. Herbert
Executive Director
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  • Op-ed pieces
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Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute of Hunter College, CUNY
47-49 E. 65th St, New York, NY, 10065 (between Park and Madison Avenues)
## Monday, March 18, 2024

**CUNY Graduate Center, 365 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10016**  
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  - 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 | Keynote Presentation:  
  **Introduction:** Adrienne Eaton, Dean, Office of the Dean and Distinguished Professor, Labor Studies and Employment Relations (LSER), Rutgers University  
  **Speaker:** Thomas A. Kochan, George Maverick Bunker Professor of Management, Emeritus, MIT Sloan School of Management |
| 10:30 – 10:45 am ET |                | Break                                                                |

### Concurrent Sessions

**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


- 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 Visiting Scholar, 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 |
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| 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  
Josh Wright, Economist and Co-founder, CUNY Mindfulness & Contemplative Studies |
| 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 |
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| 1:30–3:00 pm ET C198 | Panel: Collaborating Across the Table: The Value of Labor-Management Cooperation in Reversing Contingency  
Carla Katz, NTT Faculty, Bargaining Team Member, Rutgers University  
Kim O’Halloran, VP of Academic Planning & Administration, Bargaining Team Member, 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 C201-202 | Book Discussion: Contingent Faculty and the Remaking of Higher Education: A Labor History  
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 |
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<td>Scott M. Sommer, Commissioner, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, Moderator</td>
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<td>Robin G. Isserles, Author, <em>The Costs of Completion: Student Success in Community College</em>, Professor of Sociology, Borough of Manhattan Community College, CUNY, and Grievance Counselor for Full-time Faculty, PSC BMCC Chapter</td>
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|               | 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 Toombs, Professor of Africana Studies, San Diego State University; President, California Faculty Association, Moderator  |
| 9:00 – 10:30 am ET | **C197**  
|               | **Panel: Resident and Fellow Unionization: Lessons from State Medical Schools**  
|               | 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 am ET | **C198**  
|               | **Panel: Trustees’ Perspectives on Collective Bargaining**  
|               | Susan Solomon, City College of San Francisco Trustee  
|               | 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 am ET | **C201-202**  
|               | **Panel: Graduate Student Representation Election Outcomes, 2020-2023: Navigating a New Era of Graduate Student Unionization**  
|               | 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  
<p>|               | Kathy Collins, Director, Huron Consulting Group, Moderator  |</p>
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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  
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 |
| 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  
Michael Loconto, Labor Arbitrator, Loconto ADR, Moderator |
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Henry Morris, Jr., Partner, ArentFox Schiff LLP  
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 – 12:15 pm ET | C198 | Facilitated Session: State of New Faculty Unionization: A Meet-Up            | Co-Facilitators: Joseph van der Naald, Phd Candidate in Sociology, CUNY Graduate Center, and National Center Research Fellow  
Trent McDonald, Staff Organizer, Rutgers AAUP-AFT |
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Carrie Barbash, President, Harvard Union of Clerical and Technical Workers, Commentator  
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