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

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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

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

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

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.
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

Herbert Simons
Temple University

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

11:00  - noon  Civics Education

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

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

Noon  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.”

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.”

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 31**

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

9:30 – 11:00  **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.”

11:00 – 12:15  **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.”

12:15  **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.”
3:00 – 4:30  **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.”

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.