

**Draft Agenda - Symposium: Reinventing Liberal Arts
Education for the 21st Century: Promising Directions for a
New Antioch College**

November 15, 2008

Dudley House, Harvard University, Cambridge MA

**Morning Session (for Antioch College alumni, staff, faculty, and
extended community)**

9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Facilitators - Elissa Tonkin, J.D., Director, EPA New England Dispute
Resolution Program, volunteer community mediator/facilitator
Douglas Thompson, M.S., Senior Associate, The Keystone Center
Niela Miller, MS Ed., Director, People Systems Potential

Facilitated roundtable discussion among Antioch College alumni. The
session will include an experiential exercise directed by Niela Miller.
It will enable participants to probe the own views and exchange
perspectives about:

- what they most valued about their Antioch experience;
- what they believe must be preserved about the "old Antioch";
- what tensions, if any, exist between their notions of the essence
of Antioch and the future viability of Antioch; and
- what a reconstituted Antioch - true to our ideals and positioned
to thrive into the future - might look like.

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - lunch on your own in Harvard Square

Afternoon Session (open to all interested):

1-1:05 p.m. - Introduction/groundrules

Moderator - Everett Mendelsohn, PhD, Antioch College 1953, Harvard
University Professor of History of Science

1:05-1:20 p.m. -

Update on Status of Negotiations to Re-Open Antioch College

Lee Morgan Antioch College 1966, Antioch College Board of Trustees Pro
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The Work of the Non-Stop Liberal Arts Institute

Hassan Rahmanian, Director, The Nonstop Liberal Arts Institute

1:20 - 2:15 p.m. - Keynote Speaker - Cary Nelson, PhD, University of
Rochester, 1970, B.A. Antioch College 1967, University of Illinois
Urbana-Champaign; current President, American Association of University
Professors

Current Challenges and Useful Innovations in Liberal Arts Education

2:15-3:15 p.m. - First set of two concurrent panels on promising innovations in higher education and previous experience with each approach at Antioch College

1. **Service Learning and Co-operative Work-Study Programs** - Moderator Janet Chumley, Instructor and Director of Student Teaching, Simmons College
Panelists - Stephen London, Simmons College, director of faculty Oversight for service learning
Patricia Linn, Antioch Seattle (videotape statement)
Lee Morgan
2. **Inquiry-based learning for Teaching Science and Environmental Sustainability**
Co-moderators: Masha Jannine Etkin, M.D., Antioch College Alumna and Roy Crystal, Antioch College 1971, Environmentalist and photographer
Panelists:
Stanley Bernstein, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, Antioch College
Judith Greenwald Voet, Ph.D., Antioch College 1963, Swarthmore College
Davis Taylor, Economist and Professor, College of the Atlantic

3:15-3:30 p.m. break

3:30-4:30 p.m. second set of two to concurrent panels on promising innovations in higher education

3. **Using Computer Technology and the Internet to Improve Residential Learning and Co-operative Work-Study Programs**

Moderator, Stanley Morse, University of Massachusetts-Boston, Antioch College Alumnus

Panelist:
Katharine Galaitsis, Director of Distance Learning Programs, University of Massachusetts Boston
4. **Peace Studies and Education for Democracy**
Moderator- Zelda Gamson, Antioch College '59, New England Resource Center for Higher Education, University of Massachusetts-Boston
Panelists:
Dale Bryan, Assistant Director of Peace Studies, Tufts University
Jean Gregorek, Associate Professor of Literature and Cultural Studies, The Nonstop Liberal Arts Institute

4:30-5:15 p.m. - moderated full group discussion of promising innovations (moderator, Everett Mendelsohn). Reporter from the morning session reports out on the discussions and what elements are most valued to keep in a new Antioch College.

5:15-5:30 p.m. - wrapup and next steps - moderator describes process for input to curriculum development or college reopening planning

5:30-6:45 p.m. networking and social time

6:45 p.m. - catered dinner

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