

Coalition of Contingent Academic Labor



**SHAPING AN EQUITABLE & DEMOCRATIC
FUTURE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION:
THE WAY FORWARD**

**August 4-6, 2014
John Jay College of Criminal Justice
City University of New York
New York City**

Breakfast on your own

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Registration & Coffee

Kroll Atrium, Room L.75 & L.61

The COCAL Movement (optional)

L.61

11:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Lunch

Student Dining Hall, Floor 2

Introductions & Welcome

Marcia Newfield, *COCAL Coordinator, PSC/CUNY*

Jane Bowers, *Provost, John Jay College*

Barbara Bowen, *President, PSC/CUNY*

Bertha Rodriguez, *Secretaria General-President, AAPAUNAM*

Agustin Rodriguez, *Secretario General-President, STUNAM*

Maria Peluso, *Governor/Concordia University, CUPFA*

Poetry: Ivory Tower Anthology

Vicki Moss, *Fashion Institute of Technology*

1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Plenary 1

Room L.63

What's Going on in Higher Ed? A Trinational Perspective

Moderator: Maria Peluso, CUPFA

Panel: Cindy Oliver, *President, FPSE*

Sylvain Marois, *Vice President, FNEEQ-CSN*

Stanley Aronowitz, *Distinguished Professor, PSC/CUNY*

Maria Teresa Lechuga, *UNAM-STUNAM*

Maria Maisto, *New Faculty Majority*

3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Break

3:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

Interest Group Discussions (Session 1)

The goal of COCAL XI is to emerge with ideas, strategies, and campaigns for action. For this reason, much of the conference is constituted as five working “interest groups” that will use three discussion sessions over two days to formulate plans of action. On the third day, each interest group will report to the General Assembly on the goals, frameworks and strategies they have discussed. Participants are encouraged to stay with an interest group for all three discussion sessions, but the sessions will include summaries that allow you to catch up if you switch groups. Every group will have two facilitators, a note-taker, and several resource people.

Interest Group

Meeting Room

Legal Issues and Legislative Advocacy

1.101

What are the major issues in each area?

Student Issues

1.103

What progress have we made?

Media Organizing & Narratives

1.105

What strategies have proved successful?

Building National Agendas

1.107

What are our short-term and mid-term goals?

Bargaining for Equity

1.109

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Reception

Student Dining Hall, Floor 2

Dinner on your own

8:30 am – 9:15 a.m. Breakfast Room L.61
Book Talks

Joe Berry, AFT #2121, AAUP, New Faculty Majority

9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Plenary 2 Room L.63

Inside the Academy: The Cutting Edge of Successful Organizing

Moderator: Susan DiRaimo, PSC/CUNY

Panel: Malini Cadambi Daniels, SEIU
 Donna Nedenzahl, CUPFA
 Alyssa Pecard, AFT
 Arturo Ramos, STAUNCH, STUNAM

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Interest Group Discussions (Session 2)

Interest Group	Meeting Room	
Legal Issues and Legislative Advocacy	1.101	What models and tactics can we adapt to the goals we've identified?
Student Issues	1.103	
Media Organizing & Narratives	1.105	How can we reframe, collaborate, and network to our advantage?
Building National Agendas	1.107	
Bargaining for Equity	1.109	

12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Lunch Student Dining Hall, Floor 2

Research and Organizing

Moderator: Holly Clarke, PSC/CUNY

Panel: Craig Flanery, New Faculty Majority
 Maria Teresa Lechuga, STAUNAM
 Rosa Manoatl, AAPAUNAM

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Plenary 3 Room L.61

Outside the Academy & In the Community: Lessons from Organizing Contingent Workers In Other Industries

Moderator: Michael Fabricant, PSC/CUNY

Panel: Deborah Axt, Make the Road by Walking
 Dougal MacDonald, FPSE
 Edgar Belmont, Electricians Union, SUPAUAQ
 Lilia Abarca, CNTE
 Larry Goldbetter, National Writers Union/UAW #1981

3:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Interest Group Discussions (Session 3)

Interest Group	Meeting Room	
Legal Issues and Legislative Advocacy	1.101	What plans can we implement to achieve the goals we've identified?
Student Issues	1.103	
Media Organizing & Narratives	1.105	Is there a way to consolidate our power tri-nationally? Nationally? Locally? Can we map our strategic directions so as to be useful for everyone?
Building National Agendas	1.107	
Bargaining for Equity	1.109	

6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Dinner Boat Cruise around Manhattan Chelsea Piers, Pier 61
23rd St & 11th Ave.

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Breakfast Room L.61

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. General Assembly: Interest Group Reports Room L.63

Moderators
David Rives, AFT
Helena Worthen, NWU/UAW #1981

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Box Lunches Available Room L.61

**2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. COCAL Local Organizing and International Advisory Committee Meeting
Room L.63**

Moderators
Mayra Besosa, AAUP
Wendell Cowan, FPSE
Vinnie Tirelli, PSC/CUNY

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