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Monday, June 23

1:00 - 7:00 P.M. *Promenade*

Check-in and Registration

3:00 - 4:00 P.M. *Grand Ballroom*

Welcome and Opening Keynote

JOHN TOMASI, Heterodox Academy

HxA President John Tomasi will kick off the conference by reflecting on HxA 's history over the past decade and sharing major achievements since the 2024 conference, key priorities for the year ahead, and our vision for the future of open inquiry in higher education.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS - MONDAY - 4:20-5:40 P.M.

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Greenpoint	Navy Yard	Ballroom F
Become an 'Honest Broker': Learn Communication Strategies that Resist Political Pressures and Restore Trust in Research	PANEL DISCUSSION STEM Strikes Back: How Elevating STEM Voices Can Restore the Academy's Reputation – and How to Get Them in the Room	PANEL DISCUSSION The Left-Wing Case for Open Inquiry, Viewpoint Diversity, and Constructive Disagreement in Higher Education
BRYAN GENTRY, University of South Carolina MATT BURGESS, University of Wyoming	IAN HUTCHINSON, Massachusetts Institute of Technology FRANK LAUKIEN, Bruker Corporation and Harvard University	CHRIS CUTRONE, School of the Art Institute of Chicago BENJAMIN STUDEBAKER, University of Cambridge
Learn about key science communication styles, including the "honest broker" approach, which separates expertise from advocacy to build trust and reduce polarization. Through real-world examples and hands-on activities, attendees will identify politically charged communication challenges in their work and develop strategies to navigate them effectively in public writing, interviews, and policy discussions.	LUANA MAROJA, Williams College Moderated by: WAYNE STARGARD, MIT Free Speech Alliance This panel explores how STEM faculty can help restore a culture of free inquiry and neutral principles in higher education by applying a scientific approach to institutional challenges. Panelists will discuss strategies to increase STEM faculty involvement in governance and protect their fields from unscientific, anti-intellectual trends.	JAMES LIVINGSTON, Rutgers University Moderated by: EDWARD REMUS, Northeastern Illinois University This panel discussion will convene explicitly left-wing scholars who support open inquiry and viewpoint diversity in higher education, informed by diverse and sometimes differing intellectual-political viewpoints, including classical political theory, Marxism, pragmatism, social democracy, and the Frankfurt School.
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Beyond the Constraints: Protecting and Promoting Heterodox Thinking Moderated by: ALICE DREGER, Heterodox Academy Lessons Learned from Soviet/ Russian Political Overreach in Universities: Parallels to Modern Western Academia ALEXANDRA LYSOVA, Simon Fraser University Is GenAI the Best Adversary When No Adversary Will Come Forward? Discussing Indigenization at Wilfrid Laurier University MICHAEL PAVLIN, Wilfrid Laurier University Galileo's Other Fingers: Moving Towards Truly Freed Inquiry ALICE DREGER,	SYMPOSIUM Sharing Actionable Tools for Achieving Better Scholarship and Teaching Moderated by: QUENTIN LANGLEY, Fordham University-New York Reflexivity Toolkit to Open True Dialogue: Enhancing Educator's Self-Awareness, Self-Inquiry and Responsibility in Higher Education ANDREA VALENTE, York University Three Tools for Protecting the 'Heterodox Way' in Academia JUSTIN KALEF, Rutgers University Moral Values Education: A Framework for Ethical Responsibility in Higher Education	PANEL DISCUSSION Sociopolitical Bias in Medical and Mental Healthcare: Emerging Threats to Patients and Practitioners ANDREW HARTZ, Open Therapy Institute SALLY SATEL, Yale University School of Medicine MICHAEL STRAMBLER, Yale University School of Medicine Moderated by: DEAN MCKAY, Fordham University This panel examines the influence of sociopolitical bias and social justice imperatives on medical and mental health fields, leading to discrimination, self-censorship, and overlooked issues in patient care. Panelists will I explore the risks of prioritizing activism over professional excellence and propose ways to restore balance and universalism in healthcare.
ALICE DREGER, Heterodox Academy	JILLIAN MEYER, Indiana University Bloomington	

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7:00 - 8:30 P.M. *Grand Ballroom*

Open Inquiry Awards Dinner and Ceremony

HOSTED BY JONATHAN HAIDT, New York University

Join us to celebrate our working together to create a healthier culture of higher ed! Presentation of all five awards will follow a plated dinner. Black tie optional.

8:30 - 9:30 P.M. *Grand Ballroom*

Networking Reception

Open Bar and live entertainment by Intrinsic Groove.



Tuesday, June 24

7:30 A.M. **- 6:00** P.M. *Promenade*

Check-in and Registration

7:45 - 8:30 A.M.

Grand Ballroom Foyer

Coffee Service & Light Breakfast

CONCURRENT SESSIONS - TUESDAY - 8:30-9:50 A.M.

Greenboint Navy Yard Ballroom F WORKSHOP PANEL DISCUSSION SYMPOSIUM The Uses (and Abuses) of What's Emotion Got To Do **Persuading Universities to Take** Psychology in Academic Settings With It? Critical Thinking AND Free Expression Seriously Moderated by: **Emotional Intelligence as Tools** LAWRENCE AMSEL. for Open Inquiry LAURA BELTZ, Columbia University Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression Post Traumatic Post Truth CATHERINE JOHNSON. SEAN STEVENS, Disorder (PTPD): How the University of Wyoming Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression Politicized Appropriation WHITNEY GRAFF, of Traumatic Experiences NATHAN HONEYCUTT, **Interferes with Open Inquiry** University of Chicago Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression LAWRENCE AMSEL, This workshop explores the role of Moderated by: Columbia University NADINE STROSSEN, emotions in critical thinking, addressing Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression how emotional awareness and Investigating the Impact of metacognition can enhance students' a Psychology-Based Online ability to engage in evidence-based, This panel will explore how data-**Educational Tool for Improving** productive discourse. Participants will driven insights can effectively diagnose Constructive Dialogue in a challenges related to free expression learn a hands-on classroom exercise that University Classroom and self-censorship in higher education integrates emotions into critical thinking and motivate campus leaders to enact DANE MAUER-VAKIL, pedagogy, fostering open inquiry and Viewpoints Project meaningful learning. reforms. Panelists will share how KELLY ANTHONY, such data has successfully influenced University of Waterloo policies and practices, offering practical recommendations for creating a more **Embracing Empowerment as** supportive climate for free speech on a Theory to Reconceptualize college campuses. Issues in School Psychology MIRIAM THOMPSON, University of California, Santa Barbara Ballroom G Ballroom H Ballroom I SYMPOSIUM SYMPOSIUM PANEL DISCUSSION Freeing Science Amid The Skeptics' Panel Promoting Pluralism in **Conflicting Values** Moderated by: Practice: Social Work at the Intersection of Truth, Power, and Moderated by: ALICE DREGER, NICOLE BARBARO, Responsibility Heterodox Academy Heterodox Academy Sign Up or Get Out? How "The NAFEES ALAM, **Breaking the Social Feedback** HxA Way" Undermines Open University of Nebraska **Loops that Constrain Climate Inquiry and Viewpoint Diversity** Science MATTHEW WATSON, MICHAEL VEBER, ProSocial Workers PATRICK BROWN, East Carolina University TIFFANIE JONES, The Breakthrough Institute Howard University **Kalven's Complicit Executioners:** Open Science and Social A Critique of the Kalven Moderated by: **Responsiveness: Conflicting Committee Report** ELIZABETH SPIEVAK, Values in Psychology Bridgewater State University IRFAN KHAWAJA, BENJAMIN LOVETT, This panel brings together leaders from CorroHealth LLC the Heterodox Social Work Community Teachers College, Columbia University HxA's Approach to Advocacy and and ProSocial Workers to explore how viewpoint diversity and open inquiry can **Does Privileging Liberationist** Collaboration strengthen social work. Panelists will share Sociology Constitute Pedagogical strategies and tools, such as continuing Malpractice? ALICE DREGER. education resources and methods for Heterodox Academy fostering constructive dialogue, to promote ANTHONY HAYNOR, intellectual humility and uphold ethical Seton Hall University principles amid increasing polarization.

9:50 - 10:10 A.M. *Grand Ballroom Foyer*

Coffee Service

CONCURRENT SESSIONS - TUESDAY - 10:10-11:30 A.M.

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WORKSHOP	PANEL DISCUSSION	SYMPOSIUM
Cultivating Pluralism in the Classroom MIKE WHITENTON, Interfaith America	How Should We Respond to the Cancelation of Sociology by the State of Florida? BRADLEY CAMPBELL, California State University, Los Angeles	The Intellectual Journey: Helping Students Learn to Thin Like Scholars Moderated by: MATT RECLA, Boise State University
Discover practical tools to cultivate pluralism in the classroom by transforming diversity into connection and cooperation. Through case studies, role-playing, and Interfaith America's "Respect, Relate, Cooperate" model, participants will learn strategies to foster open inquiry, reduce conflict, and create authentic engagement with diverse perspectives.	ROSEMARY HOPCROFT, University of North Carolina, Charlotte FABIO ROJAS, Indiana University Moderated by: JUKKA SAVOLAINEN, Wayne State University This panel examines the Florida Board of Governors' 2024 decision to remove sociology as a core course. Four sociologists will discuss the decision's context, evaluate the American Sociological Association's response, propose strategies to engage skeptics, and seek audience input on the role of government intervention in addressing perceived ideological capture in academia.	Inviting Undergraduates to the Scholarly Conversation CRAIG GIBSON, The Ohio State University Heterodox Pedagogy for Science Graduate Students GEOFF HORSMAN, Wilfrid Laurier University Preparing for Practice: Fosterin HxA Values in Today's Cautious Students MATT RECLA, Boise State University
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SYMPOSIUM	SYMPOSIUM	COMMUNITY MEETING
The Battle to Remove Political Intentions from the Road to Scientific Truth: Three Physician Perspectives Moderated by: KRISTOPHER KALIEBE, University of South Florida Truth in Crisis: The Silenced Resistance to School Closures During the COVID-19 Pandemic CAROL VIDAL, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine From Politics to Truth: Leading the Charge for Scientific Integrity DAVID ATKINSON, University of Texas Southwestern Power, Responsibility, and Truth: Increasing Open Expression Regarding Race and Gender in Medicine KRISTOPHER KALIEBE, University of South Florida	Interrogating DEI Presumptions and Practices (sponsored by AIER) Moderated by: PAUL MEULLER, American Institute for Economic Research Meritocracy or Inclusion? Unpacking the Tensions and Missteps in DEI Practices in Academia and Beyond PAOLO GAUDIANO, New York University Diversity for What? Interrogating Ten Rationales for Diversity in Faculty Hiring AZIM SHARIFF, University of British Columbia DEI and Child Clinical Psychology Programs: Implications for Graduate Student Recruitment and Clinical Training KELLY SCHWARTZ, University of Calgary	HxArts & Culture Community Meeting The Arts and Culture Heterodox Community will explore how viewpoint diversity and open inquiry can support creativity and strengthen cultural work. We look forward to connecting, exchangin perspectives, challenging our own assumptions, and discovering new ways to collaborate and learn from one another.

Tuesday, June 24

11:45 A.M. **- 1:00** P.M. *Grand Ballroom*

The View from the Top: University Presidential Panel

SIAN LEAH BEILOCK, Dartmouth
MICHAEL ROTH, Wesleyan University
JEREMY HAEFNER, University of Denver
BRIAN W. CASEY, Colgate University
Moderated by: NADINE STROSSEN, New York Law School

Hear how university presidents understand and manage academic freedom, political pressures, campus crises, and more.

1:00 - 3:00 P.M.

Afternoon Break

1:15 - 2:30 P.M. *Greenpoint*

$COMMUNITY\ MEETING$

HxCanada Luncheon

All Canadian attendees are invited to join for an overview of HxCanada, updates from Canadian Campus Communities, and a small group activity on goals for 2025–26 and beyond. A lunch buffet will be provided.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS - TUESDAY - 3:00-4:20 P.M.

Greenboint Ballroom F Ballroom G WORKSHOP SYMPOSIUM SYMPOSIUM **Breaking the Fourth Wall: Cultivating Freer Speech on** Academic Freedom Under Improvisational Theater as a Pressure: Strategic, Legal, and Campus **Catalyst for Authentic Academic Institutional Responses** Moderated by: Discourse SHIRA HOFFER, Moderated by: Viewpoints Project RACHEL ALTMAN, ASHLEY PRYOR. Simon Fraser University Frameworks for Fostering University of Toledo **Discourse: Implementing Free Encoding Open Inquiry and Speech Instruction in Different** Academic Freedom in a Learn improvisational theater techniques **Contexts Across Campus University Strategic Plan** to foster trust, open inquiry, and intellectual risk-taking in higher education MATT MOREALI. CHRIS YOUNKIN. classrooms. Participants will engage in Southern Oregon University Southern Utah University hands-on activities and leave with tools and strategies designed to enhance listening, Willingness to Self-Censor: A Universities, Faculty Unions, normalize disagreement, and create spaces Meta-Analysis and States in the System of for rigorous examination of diverse ideas in Academic Freedom the classroom. JAMES SHANAHAN, MARK CRAWFORD, Indiana University Athabasca University Campus Speech Behavior by **Religious Identity** Using the Law to Restore and Observance the Purpose of Canadian Universities SHIRA HOFFER. RACHEL ALTMAN, Viewpoints Project Simon Fraser University ALEXANDRA LYSOVA, Simon Fraser University Ballroom H Ballroom I Sunset Park SYMPOSIUM PANEL DISCUSSION COMMUNITY MEETING Making Change: Live Academic Freedom Without **HxSociology Community Meeting** Possibilities in Hiring, Training, Responsibility? Social Justice in the Aftermath of the Flint Water and Campus Policy The HxSociology community will be Moderated by: Crisis meeting to discuss our collective response MAX SCHANZENBACH, to the decision by Florida to remove SIDDHARTHA ROY. sociology from the general studies Northwestern University Rutgers University curriculum, and - by extension - our Viewpoint Diversity and Law statement for bringing sociology back on **School Faculty Hiring** MARC EDWARDS, track. Virginia Tech BYRON STIFR HERNAN GOMEZ, Southwestern Law School Hurley Medical Center and University of Michigan Truth, Power, and Responsibility Moderated by: in the Training of Mental Health SIDDHARTHA ROY, **Practitioners** Rutgers University This panel will examine cases of data ANNEMARIE SLOBIG, manipulation during the Flint Water The Chicago School Crisis, exploring how well intentioned GRACE MANNIX-SLOBIG, advocacy can sometimes distort research Psychotherapist and harm the communities it aims to help. Panelists will discuss lessons for academic **Promising the First Amendment:** responsibility in STEM, addressing the (De)Regulating Speech in Higher challenges of hyperpolarization, media **Education** influence, and the balance between validating community concerns and MAX SCHANZENBACH, maintaining scientific integrity. Northwestern University KIMBERLY YURACKO, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law

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4:20 - 4:40 P.M. Grand Ballroom Foyer

Coffee Service

4:40 - 6:00 P.M. *Grand Ballroom*

Intervention or Interference: The Role of Legislation in Reforming the Academy—A Heterodox Conversation

MARK BAUERLEIN, New College of Florida

STEVEN BRINT, University of California, Riverside

Moderated by: MARTHA MCCAUGHEY, University of Wyoming

From court decisions protecting the First Amendment to state legislation that seeks to tell us what we can't or must do on campus, there's a lot happening legislatively on the higher ed front. Come hear experts in dialogue on the question of what governments are doing to help and hurt open inquiry in higher ed.

6:00 - 7:30 P.M. *Grand Ballroom*

Unconference Networking Session

Light appetizers and a wine & beer bar will be available at this participant-driven networking session where attendees get to decide the topics of discussion by adding their ideas on a board with designated tables for each discussion in the ballroom on a first come first serve basis.



7:45 - 8:30 A.M.

Grand Ballroom Foyer

Wednesday, June 25

Coffee Service and Light Breakfast

CONCURRENT SESSIONS - WEDNESDAY - 8:30-9:50 A.M.

Greenpoint Ballroom F Navy Yard WORKSHOP PANEL DISCUSSION SYMPOSIUM When Conversations Go Wrong, Creating a Student-Led Culture **Professors Speak Out: The Truth** What Do We Do? of Free Speech at Universities **About Campus Investigations** Nationwide Moderated by: CARLA SILVER, NICHOLAS WOLFINGER, Leadership+Design University of Utah DOUG SPREI. DIEGO DURAN-MEDINA, American Council of Trustees and Alumni Weaponizing the Academic Leadership+Design Bureaucracy CONNOR MURNANE, Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression Learn strategies to manage difficult LEE JUSSIM, Moderated by: conversations while preserving inclusion Rutgers University MARY KATE CARY, and open dialogue. Participants will explore proven protocols for addressing University of Virginia Stomp on Jesus: The True Story conflict, maintaining group norms, of What Happened Last month, the HxA Campus Community and fostering shared responsibility in discussions. Through scenarios and case at the University of Virginia convened free DEANDRE POOLE, speech leaders to identify best practices for studies, attendees will build confidence Florida Atlantic University fostering free inquiry, viewpoint diversity, and leave with actionable tools to handle and civil discourse among students. This challenging yet constructive conversations. Dreams from My Father panel will share their progress and invite HxA members to join us in identifying, NICHOLAS WOLFINGER, promoting, and implementing best-practice University of Utah solutions across higher education in order to create a roadmap for the future. Ballroom G Ballroom H SYMPOSIUM SYMPOSIUM Frontiers in Viewpoint Diversity **Engaging Across Divides:** Moderated by: Civility, Authority, QUENTIN LANGLEY, and Responsibility in Higher Fordham University- New York Education Moderated by: Has Business Education on CSR inquisitive ALLISON WU, Gone Too Far 1636 Forum KIMBERLEE JOSEPHSON, Don't Do It, Jimmy: James Lebanon Valley College Baldwin & the Duty to Engage Open call for **Broadening Perspectives: The** NICHOLAS BUCCOLA, inquisitive essays **Need to Champion Viewpoint** Claremont McKenna College on the theme of "Eve" **Diversity in Criminal Justice Education** Civil Discourse, Judgment, and The deadline for submission is July 7, 2025. **Institutional Authority** VIRGINIA GLEASON, Seattle University MARIE NEWHOUSE, University of Surrey The Question Remains: Philosophy, Heterodoxy, and Antisemitism, Title VI, and the the Role of Bartleby in Modern Need for Civil Discourse on Universities College Campuses ASHLEY PRYOR, SONJA WENTLING, University of Toledo Concordia College inquisitivemag.org

9:50 - 10:10 A.M. Grand Ballroom Foyer **Coffee Service**

CONCURRENT SESSIONS - WEDNESDAY - 10:10-11:30 A.M.

Navy Yard Ballroom F Greenboint WORKSHOP PANEL DISCUSSION SYMPOSIUM Positioning Anthropology for a **Curious Approaches to** Challenging the Challengers of Difference and Disagreement in **Heterodox Academic Future** Free Speech **Educational Settings** Moderated by: DAVID STOLL, JOSEPH YI, DANE MAUER-VAKIL, Middlebury College Hanyang University Viewpoints Project RACHEL ADLER, From Mill to Marcuse? SHIRA HOFFER, University of Texas Health San Antonio Responding to the 'Postliberal' Challenge to Academic Freedom Viewpoints Project MICHAEL JINDRA, Boston University JACOB WILLIAMS, Develop the skills to maintain trust and integrity while facilitating challenging Moderated by: University of Oxford conversations across differences. Through ANDREW GARDNER, University of Puget Sound group activities, attendees will learn about Responding to Campus psychological and pedagogical barriers to Opponents of Free Speech open inquiry, reflect on personal dialogue This panel explores how anthropology can contribute to rebuilding a heterodox experiences, and practice evidence-AEON SKOBLE, academic landscape by addressing based strategies for curious listening Bridgewater State University challenges in contemporary American and facilitation. Attendees will walk away academia. Drawing on experiences with practical tools to foster constructive **Comfort Women and Communist** dialogue in educational settings. across the discipline's subfields, panelists Spies: Transnational Networks highlight enduring principles and for and Against Open Discourse pathways to transcend current issues and in South Korea and North envision anthropology's role in fostering a **America's East Asian Studies** vibrant, diverse, and heterodox future for higher education. JOSEPH YI, Hanyana University Ballroom G Ballroom H Ballroom I SYMPOSIUM SYMPOSIUM PANEL DISCUSSION Pedagogical Tools for Meaningful Tensions of Truth: Diversity, Civil Fights: Courageous Student Engagement in the Open Science, and Gatekeeping Conversations on Israel & Classroom in Peer Review Palestine on Campus Moderated by: Moderated by LINDSAY HOFFMAN. JORDAN BECK. TOM SCOTT. University of Delaware Concordia University Wisconsin The Nantucket Project **Executing Campus-Wide Surveys** Gatekeeping in Peer Review: as Both a Climate Report and SIMON GREER, Is Beneficial Knowledge Being a Pedagogical Tool for College The Nantucket Project Students Suppressed? Tom Scott and Simon Greer believe the real LINDSAY HOFFMAN, ANDREA CLEMENTS, heroes are the bridge builders. In that spirit, University of Delaware East Tennessee State University they launched a groundbreaking dialoguebased course on the Israel-Palestine conflict Using Behavior Analysis to AI, Campus Culture and this semester at UNC-Chapel Hill. Tom and **Increase Student Engagement in Commoditized Peer Review** Simon will premiere a short film that captures the Classroom the key moments and insights from their DANIEL COFFING. WHITNEY GRAFF, journey, followed by a candid conversation University of Chicago OpenVetting.ai on what worked, what they learned, and how they plan to bring this model to campuses **Fostering Student Capacities for Does Diversity Increase** across the country. Civil Discourse: The Empirical Scientific Productivity? **Results of a Debate Across** the Curriculum Program in JORDAN BECK, **Cultivating Intellectual Virtues** Concordia University Wisconsin and Decreasing Affective Polarization DARRIN HICKS, University of Denver STEVE JOHNSON, University of Denver

Wednesday, June 25

11:45 A.M. **- 12:30** P.M. *Grand Ballroom*

Plated Luncheon

12:30 - 1:50 P.M. *Grand Ballroom*

The Duties and Responsibilities of Scholars

JERRY COYNE, University of Chicago
JENNIFER FREY, University of Tulsa
LOUIS MENAND, Harvard University
JOHN MCWHORTER, Columbia University
Moderated by: COLLEEN EREN, William Paterson University

Are there universal norms of scholarship that exist — or should exist — regardless of discipline? Where are today's faculty getting their ideas about their duties and responsibilities? Join us as our esteemed panel discuss these and related questions.

1:50 - 2:00 P.M. *Grand Ballroom*

Conference Closing Remarks

JOHN TOMASI, Heterodox Academy

2:00 - 2:30 P.M. *Promenade*

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