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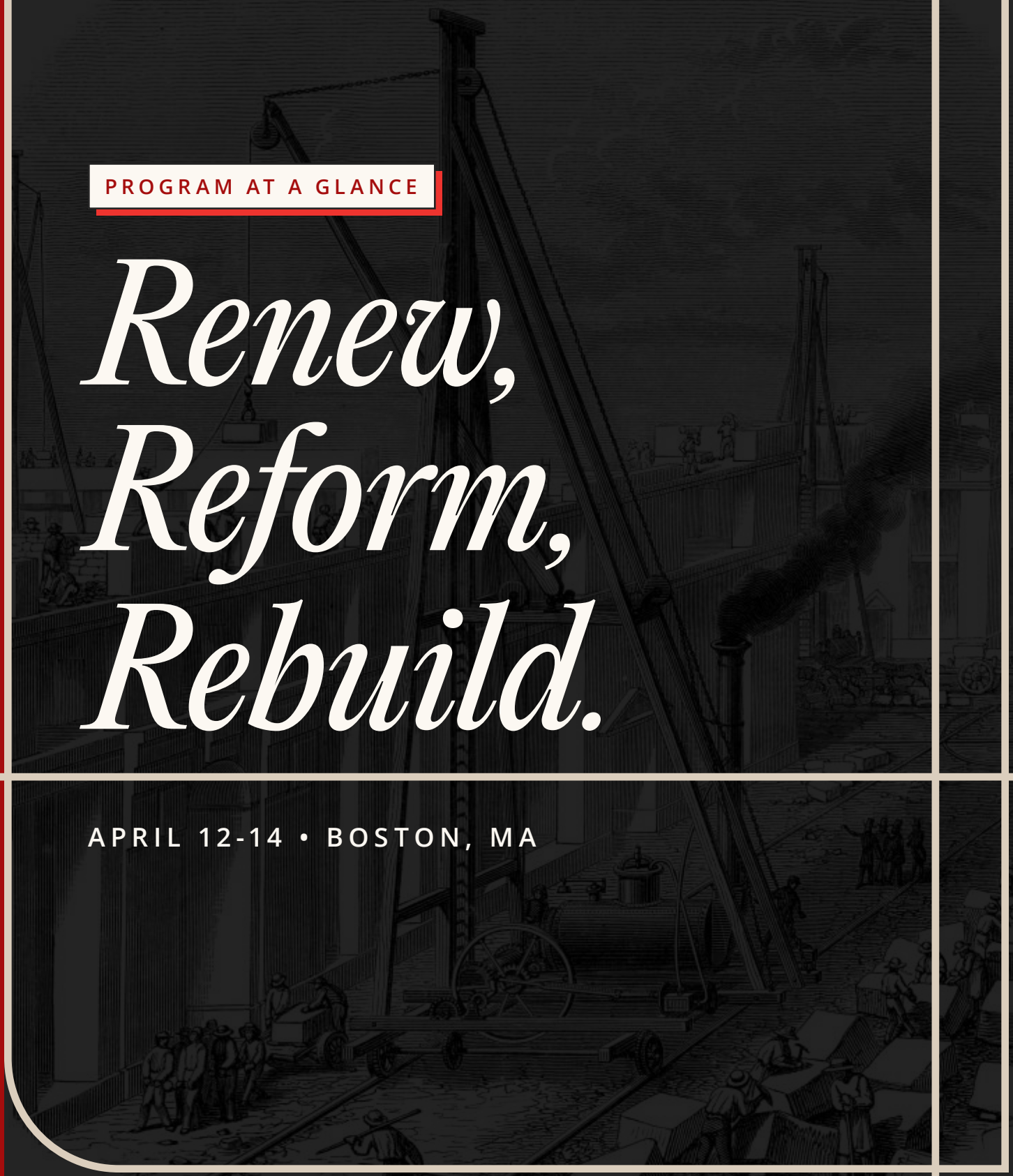
2027 CONFERENCE

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

Renew, Reform, Rebuild.

APRIL 12-14 • BOSTON, MA



DAY 1

Monday, April 12

11:00 AM – 6:00 PM *Liberty Foyer*	**Check-in and Registration**
6:00 – 6:30 PM *Liberty Hall*	**Welcome Address** John Tomasi, Heterodox Academy
6:30 – 8:00 PM *Liberty Hall*	**Open Inquiry Awards Dinner and Ceremony**
8:00 – 9:00 PM *Liberty Foyer*	**Networking Reception** *Wine & Beer bar and live music*

DAY 2

Tuesday, April 13

8:00 – 8:30 AM *Liberty Hall*	**Coffee Service and Light Fare**
8:30 AM – 6:00 PM *Liberty Foyer*	**Check-in and Registration**

• *Tuesday Concurrent Sessions* •
8:30 – 9:50 AM

Silver 1

SYMPOSIUM

Civil Discourse & The Mission of Universities

Should Civil Discourse Be Taught in Universities?
Michael Kessler, University of Toronto

Constructive Dialogue and the Epistemic Mission of the University
Rebecca Tuvel, Rhodes College

Talking about What Matters: Designing College-Wide Civil Discourse Programs Using a Liberal Arts Approach
Erin Dolgoy, Rhodes College
Jessica Cowan, Rhodes College

MODERATED BY Rebecca Tuvel, Rhodes College

Silver 2

PANEL DISCUSSION

Beyond Workshops: What Works and What Doesn't in Building Durable Civic Education

Cherie Maestas, Purdue University
Joshua Dunn, University of Tennessee
Eitan Hersh, Tufts University

MODERATED BY Zachary Peskowitz, Emory University

Silver 3

PANEL DISCUSSION

Trauma, Resilience and Agency: Concept Creep and Catherine Liu's *Traumatized: The New Politics of Public Suffering*

Jill Cermele, Drew University
Michael Strambler, Yale University
Additional Speaker to Be Announced

Grand Master Ballroom

WORKSHOP

Playing (Better) Politics: How Smart Faculty Governance Can Drive Effective Reform

Eric Johnson, University of North Carolina System
Wade Maki, University of North Carolina Greensboro

9:50 – 10:10 AM
Liberty Hall

Coffee Service

• *Tuesday Concurrent Sessions* •
10:10 – 11:30 AM

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SYMPOSIUM

The Science and Politics of, and Proposed Policies for, Reforming Academia

False Beliefs Among Those with Graduate Degrees: Implications for Reform
Kevin McCaffree, University of North Texas

Principles and Proposals for Academic Reform: Confronting Academics' Politicization of Scholarship
Ashley Rubin, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

Dissent Needs Institutions: From Viewpoint Diversity to Intellectual Biodiversity
Jukka Savolainen, Wayne State University

MODERATED BY Lee Jussim, Rutgers University

Silver 2

PANEL DISCUSSION

Due Process, Academic Freedom, and Rebuilding Trust in Higher Education

Nicholas Wolfinger, University of Utah
Samantha Harris, Allen Harris Law
Robert Shibley, Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression

MODERATED BY Erin O'Connor, Families Advocating for Campus Equality

Grand Master Ballroom

WORKSHOP

Rebuilding the Classroom for Open Inquiry: Teaching Students to Disagree and Still Belong

Christi Hein, Colorado Mesa University

11:45 AM – 1:15 PM
Liberty Hall

PLENARY LUNCHEON

Disciplinary Reform: Why It's Needed and How to Do It

Melissa Wilde, University of Pennsylvania
Paul Boghossian, New York University
Additional Speaker to Be Announced

MODERATED BY Len Gutkin, The Chronicle of Higher Education

• *Tuesday Concurrent Sessions* •
1:30 – 2:50 PM

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SYMPOSIUM

The Civic Renaissance in Higher Education: What Is It, What Is It For, and Does It Work?

The Civic Education Ecosystem in American Higher Education: A Landscape Analysis
Simon Halliday, Johns Hopkins University

The Rise of Civic Thought Programs and the Trust Crisis in American Universities
Ari Kohn, Harvard University

What is Meaningful is Measurable: Development of Civic Learning Measures
Kelly Siegel-Stechler, Harvard University

MODERATED BY Glory Liu, Georgetown University

Silver 2

PANEL DISCUSSION

STEM the Tide of Self-Censorship: Renewing Viewpoint Diversity in the College Classroom through Civil Debate and Dialogue

Phoebe Sengers, Cornell University
Maria Fung, Worcester State University
Emily Gurley, Johns Hopkins University

MODERATED BY Bryan Paul, American Council of Trustees and Alumni

Silver 3

PANEL DISCUSSION

The Nuts and Bolts of Reform on Campus

Christopher Celenza, Johns Hopkins University
Jeremy Haefner, University of Denver
Santiago Schnell, Dartmouth College

MODERATED BY Michael Jindra, Boston University

Grand Master Ballroom

WORKSHOP

Leveraging FIRE's College Free Speech Rankings Data for Campus Advocacy for Your own Research

Sean Stevens, Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression
Nathan Honeycutt, Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression

2:50 – 3:10 PM
Liberty Hall

Coffee Service

3:10 – 4:30 PM
Liberty Hall

PLENARY PANEL

A Presidential View of Academic Reforms on Campus

Michael Kotlikoff, Cornell University
Beong-Soo Kim, University of Southern California
Cybele Raver, University of Michigan
Sunil Kumar, Tufts University

MODERATED BY Nadine Strossen, New York Law School

5:00 – 7:00 PM
Rooftop@Revere

Inquiry+Innovation Showcase Reception

On the evening of April 13, the rooftop bar and lounge of Boston's Revere Hotel becomes a living exhibition of the ideas, research, and pedagogical innovations driving open inquiry across the academy. The Inquiry+Innovation Showcase features individual table exhibits where attendees present their work concurrently and directly to fellow attendees. Come for the ideas. Stay for the views.

DAY 3

Wednesday, April 14

8:30 – 9:00 AM
Liberty Hall

Coffee Service and Light Fare

• *Wednesday Concurrent Sessions* •
9:00 – 10:20 AM

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SYMPOSIUM

Recent Research on Academic Freedom: Quantitative, Qualitative, and Philosophical Perspectives

Against Extending the Powers of Faculty to Regulate Speech in the University's Intellectual Commons
Eric Torres, Harvard University

College Presidents and the Politics of Academic Freedom
Colleen Eren, William Paterson University

Academic Authoritarianism
James Shanahan, Indiana University

MODERATED BY James Shanahan, Indiana University

Silver 2

PANEL DISCUSSION

What's Next for Heterodox Social Science Research?

Dylan Selterman, Heterodox Academy
Ashley Rubin, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
Andrew Hartz, Open Therapy Institute

MODERATED BY Eric Kaufmann, University of Buckingham

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PANEL DISCUSSION

Heterodoxy of One: Utilizing the Humanities to Round out the STEM Student Experience

Melinda Zook, Purdue University
Linda Rabieh, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

MODERATED BY Wayne Stargardt, MIT Free Speech Alliance

Grand Master Ballroom

WORKSHOP

Leading for Pluralism Across Academic Life

Mike Whitenton, Interfaith America

10:20 – 10:40 AM
Liberty Hall

Coffee Service

• *Wednesday Concurrent Sessions* •
10:40 AM – 12:00 PM

Silver 1

SYMPOSIUM

Principled Approaches to Disciplinary Reform

Speakers to Be Announced

MODERATED BY Dylan Selterman, Heterodox Academy

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PANEL DISCUSSION

Playing the Long Game: Creating Credibility before Tackling Difficult Conversations

Jennifer Harmon, University of Wyoming
Matt Burgess, University of Wyoming
Jason McConnell, Black Hills State University

MODERATED BY Catherine Johnson, University of Wyoming

Silver 3

PANEL DISCUSSION

Intellectual Diversity and Accreditation of U.S. Colleges and Universities

Michael Dickson, University of South Carolina
Cameron Howell, Commission for Public Higher Education
Dana Nichols, University System of Georgia
Emily Rounds, Third Way

MODERATED BY Justin McBrayer, Heterodox Academy

Grand Master Ballroom

WORKSHOP

Dartmouth's New Approach: Applied Dialogic Skill-Building

Trevor Fornara, Dartmouth College
Stephanie Glaros, Dartmouth College

12:15 – 1:50 PM
Liberty Hall

PLENARY LUNCHEON

Rebuilding Public Trust through Honest Research Communication

Paul Bloom, Yale University
Jesse Singal, Blocked and Reported
Emily Oster, Brown University

MODERATED BY Megan McArdle, The Washington Post

1:50 – 2:00 PM
Liberty Hall

Conference Closing Remarks

John Tomasi, Heterodox Academy


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