

heterodox academy

August 14-15, 2025

Mountain West
Regional Conference

What is a University for?

COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

LORY STUDENT CENTER

Thursday, August 14

5:00PM
Ballroom D

Welcome and Opening Remarks

5:05-7:30PM
Ballroom D

PLENARY DINNER AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS

University Reform in 2025:
Inside, Outside, Upside Down?

John Tomasi, *Heterodox Academy*

Friday, August 15

8:00-8:30AM
Ballroom D

Continental Breakfast

8:30-9:20AM
Ballroom D

HxA Campus Communities: A Panel Discussion

Jennifer Harmon, *University of Wyoming*

Peter Newton, *University of Colorado Boulder*

Matt Hickey, *Colorado State University*

Moderated by Bethany Boucher, *Heterodox Academy*

9:25-10:30AM
Ballroom D

Activism in Academia: A Panel Discussion

Matthew Burgess, *University of Wyoming*

Alice Dreger, *Heterodox Academy*

Martha McCaughey, *University of Wyoming*

Ann Little, *Colorado State University*

Spencer Pelton, *University of Wyoming*

Moderated by Catherine Johnson, *University of Wyoming*

10:30-10:50^{AM}
Ballroom D

Coffee Break and Networking

10:50-11:50^{AM}
Ballroom D

AI in Education: A Panel Discussion

Kerry Peetz, *University of Denver*
Brandon Roberts, *University of Wyoming*
Nikhil Krishnaswamy, *Colorado State University*
Jennifer Harmon, *University of Wyoming*
Moderated by Wade Troxell, *Colorado State University*

12:00-1:45^{PM}
Ballroom D

PLENARY LUNCHEON AND KEYNOTE FIRESIDE CHAT

First They Came for Aristotle...Then for Harvard: A Very Short History of Academic Freedom Under Siege

Jacob Mchangama, *Vanderbilt University* in conversation with Matthew Burgess, *University of Wyoming*

Concurrent Break-Out Sessions

1:45-2:30^{PM}

Room 372

Disagreement is a Research Skill

Facilitated by
Kristina Quynn, *Colorado State University*
Jane Freeman, *University of Toronto*

Room 374

The Telos of a University

Facilitated by
Martin Carcasson, *Colorado State University*

2:30-2:50^{PM}
Ballroom D

Coffee Break

2:50-3:50^{PM}
Ballroom D

Student Voices: A BridgeUSA Panel Discussion

Bay Grobe, *University of Colorado Boulder*
Abby Schaller, *University of Colorado Boulder*
Ven Meester, *University of Wyoming*
Hayden Mackenzie, *University of Wyoming*
Haylee Von Behren, *Colorado State University*
Moderated by Peter Newton, *University of Colorado Boulder*

4:00-5:00^{PM}
Ballroom D

University Leadership: A Panel Discussion

Amy Parsons, *Colorado State University*
Ed Seidel, *University of Wyoming*
Jeremy Haefner, *University of Denver*
Moderated by John Tomasi, *Heterodox Academy*

5:00^{PM}
Ballroom D

Closing Remarks