

Academic
Leadership
Fellows
2026
Summer
Institute

Agenda

July 20–23, Washington, D.C.



Consortia Hosts

Associated Colleges of the Midwest

Lisa Jasinski President

Allen L. Linton II Senior Director of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Lynn Murray-Chandler Vice President, Programs and Professional Development

Associated Colleges of the South

Anna Drake Warshaw President

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New York Six Liberal Arts Consortium

Amy Doonan Cronin Executive Director

Peter Simons Project Manager

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Facilitators

Bryan Alexander Senior Scholar, Georgetown University

Ilene Crawford Principal, Ilene Crawford Consulting

Jon Fansmith Senior Vice President, Government Relations and National Engagement, American Council On Education

Ralph Gigliotti Chief of Staff to the President, Rutgers University

L. Jay Lemons President and Senior Consultant, Academic Search

Eduardo Peñalver President, Georgetown University

Pamela Pezzoli Partner, Isaacson, Miller

Heidi Tseu Assistant Vice President, National Engagement, American Council on Education

Desired Experience for Participants

To harness the best thinking across the Associated Colleges of the Midwest, the Associated Colleges of the South, the New York Six Liberal Arts Consortium, and the national higher education landscape to prepare a cohort of faculty to develop the **knowledge and skills of academic leadership**.

To provide an **immersive, inclusive, and interactive** consideration of topics, issues, and questions. Presenters will deliver their content in various ways, including presentations, break-out sessions, case studies, fireside chats, and informal social opportunities, to ensure that multiple learning styles are considered.

To learn from the experiences of the presenters and facilitators as they have transitioned from faculty to academic leader, from academic leader at one institution to academic leader at another, and the intersection between one's identities and their leadership within education landscapes.

To be exposed to multiple models of leadership and relevant content knowledge to support their professional development and future work at their home institution.

To build community among fellows and across institutions and consortia.

Monday July 20

4:00 pm

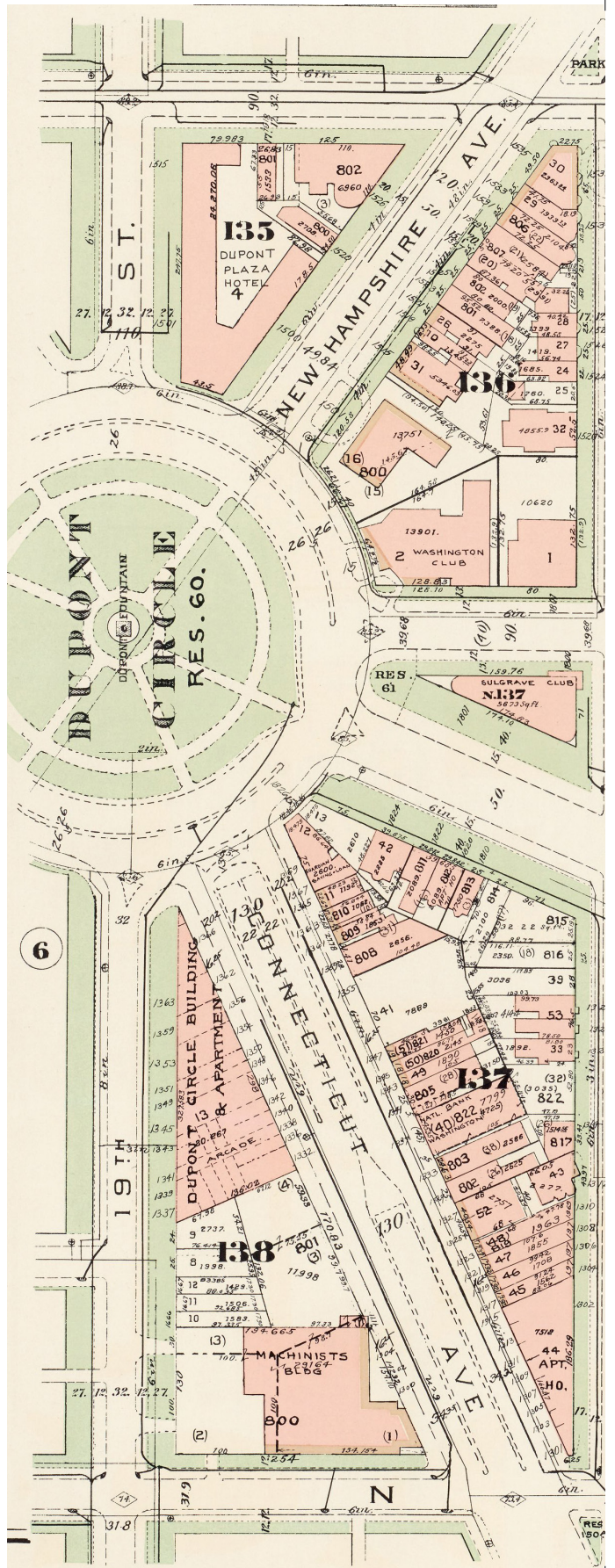
Hotel Check-In

The Dupont Circle
1500 New Hampshire Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20036
(202) 483-6000
Group Name: Academic Leadership
Fellows Summer Institute

5:30 pm

Welcome Dinner and Reception

The Dupont Circle



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Tuesday July 21

Unless otherwise noted, sessions will take place in Room 214 at the American Council on Education, 1 Dupont Circle

Conference Wifi: ACECONF

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8:00 am–8:45 am

Buffet Breakfast

American Council on Education (ACE)
1 Dupont Circle
Room 214

8:45 am–9:15 am

Welcome and Overview of the Day

ACE 214

9:15 am–10:30 am

Session 1a Communication and Change Management

Ralph Gigliotti Chief of Staff to the President, Rutgers University

A scholar and practitioner examines how effective communication can help manage and facilitate internal and external change in higher education.

ACE 214

10:30 am–10:45 am

Break

10:45 am–12:00 pm

Session 1b Communication and Change Management

Ralph Gigliotti

ACE 214

12:00 pm–1:00 pm

Lunch

ACE 214

1:00 pm–2:15 pm

Session 3 Leadership in the Current Moment

Bryan Alexander Senior Scholar, Georgetown University

Amy Doonan Cronin Executive Director, New York Six

Lisa Jasinski President, Associated Colleges of the Midwest

Anna Drake Warshaw President, Associated Colleges of the South

Consortial leaders, with higher education scholar and futurist Bryan Alexander, discuss effective leadership of liberal arts institutions and how to prepare for whatever comes next.

ACE 214

2:15 pm–2:45 pm

Break

2:45 pm–4:45 pm

Session 4 World Cafe: Project Discussion

4:45 pm–5:45 pm

Break

5:45 pm

Meet in hotel lobby to walk to Ris

6:00 pm

Dinner

Ris
The Federal Room
2275 L Street NW

Wednesday July 22

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8:00 am–9:00 am

Buffet Breakfast

ACE 214

9:00 am–10:15 am

Session 5 The Changing Policy Landscape

Jon Fansmith Senior Vice President, Government Relations and National Engagement, American Council on Education (ACE)

Heidi Tseu Assistant Vice President, National Engagement, ACE

Two experts look at the political environment facing higher education and what can be expected in the near term.

ACE 214

10:15 am–10:30 am

Break

10:30 am–11:30 am

Session 6 Policy Case Study

ACE 214

11:30 am–12:00 pm

Individual Reflection

ACE 214

12:00 pm–1:00 pm

Lunch

ACE 214

1:00 pm–4:00 pm

Session 7 The Next Steps in Your Leadership Journey

Ilene Crawford Principal, Ilene Crawford Consulting

Pamela Pezzoli Partner, Isaacson, Miller

L. Jay Lemons President and Senior Consultant, Academic Search

An inside look at how higher education leaders are hired and how you can prepare for future opportunities.

ACE 214

4:00 pm–4:15 pm

Group Reflection

ACE 214

4:30 pm–6:00 pm

Institute Reception

Light refreshments will be served

Lyle Hotel

Lower Level

1731 New Hampshire Avenue NW

Evening

Free Time and Dinner on Your Own



Thursday July 23

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8:00 am–9:00 am

Buffet Breakfast

ACE 214

9:00 am–10:15 am

Session 8 Consortial Check-Ins

Individual consortial cohorts meet to reflect on the summer institute and discuss what's next in the Academic Leadership Fellows program.

ACE 214

10:15 am–10:30 am

Break

10:30 am–11:45 am

Session 9 Where Do We Go from Here?

Eduardo Peñalver President,
Georgetown University

A conversation with Georgetown University's president about his path to leadership as well as the opportunities and decisions that may lie ahead for you.

ACE 214

11:45 am–12:00 pm

Full Group Reflection and Parting Thoughts

ACE 214

12:00 pm

Summer Institute Concludes

Lunch on Your Own

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