

# 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Promising Practices Conference: Civic and Community Engagement

*Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2013*

*Rhode Island College Campus*

Sponsored by Rhode Island College, Rhode Island Campus Compact, and Rhode Island Department of Education

Registration Now Open: <https://promisingpractices2013.eventbrite.com/>

**Promising Practices** will bring together k-12 and higher education teachers, students, policymakers, community leaders, and activists to explore the many ways that educational institutions collaborate with their communities to promote positive change.

The conference will feature over 30 presentations and workshops delivered by faculty, students, teachers, and representatives of community organizations on projects and teaching pedagogies that strengthen community and promote peace, environmental justice, community health, educational access, citizenship and community development.

## Conference Highlights

### **PLENARY SESSION: Marshaling the Power of Civic and Community Engagement**

*A conversation about the role of Rhode Island's colleges and universities in confronting our communities' greatest challenges.*

Moderated by Scott MacKay of Rhode Island Public Radio

Nancy Carriuolo, *President, Rhode Island College*

Donald Farish, *President, Roger William University*

Anthony Maione, *President and CEO, United Way of Rhode Island*

Susan Follett Lusi, *Superintendent, Providence Schools*

Mim Runey, *President, Johnson & Wales University, Providence Campus*

Neil Steinberg, *President and CEO, Rhode Island Foundation*

Angel Taveras, *Mayor of Providence, Donovan Dining Hall*

### **KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Social Justice as Pedagogy: Action Research, Activist Learning and Critical Service Learning in Higher Education**

Howard Rosing, *Director, Steans Center for Community-Based Service Learning, DePaul University*

### **WORKSHOP SESSIONS: A sampling of session titles:**

- Real Voice, Real Action, Real Results: The North Providence Youth Commission
- Applied Learning for Life: Teaching Skills for Careers in Social Change and Community Involvement
- Engaging Students in Anti-bullying Efforts
- Connecting the Classroom and the Community with Real World Implications
- Stewardship of Place: Engaging the Public through the Arts
- Talking It Out: Discussion Forums in the Social Studies/History Classroom
- Civic Engagement in the Summer: Approaching Thirty Years of Collaboration and Community Based Learning

## **INSTITUTES:**

### **The Building Blocks for Successful Community Engaged Learning**

Facilitators: Arnold Robinson and Stephanie Hessler, *Community Partnerships Center at Roger Williams University*

### **Access to Higher Education**

Moderators: Jenifer Giroux, *Interim Associate Vice President, Rhode Island College*, and Christiane Petrin Lambert, *Program Manager, Learning 4 Life, Rhode Island College*

### **Getting Around: Engaging the Public's Ideas, Stories and Opinions to Improve Transportation**

Organizer: Rebecca M. Townsend, Ph.D., *Associate Professor of Communication and Faculty Coordinator, Institute for Community Engagement and Outreach, Manchester Community College*

### **The Carceral State: Racial Profiling and Police Violence Inside and Outside of Schools**

Moderators: Andrea Marie Sterling and Greg Kowalski, *L.I.F.E: Live, Inspire, Fight, Educate! Rhode Island College*

### **Environmental Hazards and Safe Schools**

Organizer: Holly Dygert, Assistant Professor of Anthropology

### **Careers for the Common Good**

Moderator: Suzy Alba, *Assistant Director, Affinity & Graduate Programs, Annual Giving at Brown University*

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