

Best of Acadia Summer 2018
July 16 through 20

The summer 2018 Best of Acadia week, co-sponsored by Acadia Senior College and College of the Atlantic, focuses generally on higher education and public policy and features five distinguished educators, all of whom have also served in national or state positions beyond their current institutions. One of our presenters addresses public policy directly, outlining his research into ways to resolve issues of poverty in America; another approaches indirectly by commenting on why art *should* matter. We will also hear some radical ideas for re-shaping higher education, an explanation of how an apparently single-focus college prepares graduates for many different careers, and the ways in which a small nearby college prepares its students to address the largest and most complex global issues.

The keynote address is on Tuesday, July 17 at 5 pm, with a reception following. Morning presentations on July 16, 18, 19, and 20 begin at 9 am and include pastries and beverages. Participants are also welcome to attend COA's regular Coffee and Conversation on July 17 at 9 am. All events are in COA's Gates Auditorium. The week wraps up on the evening of July 20 with a sunset schooner cruise on Frenchman Bay.

The fee for the week is \$75, which includes all morning presentations, the keynote address, and Friday's schooner cruise (seats are limited on the cruise).

Here is the full schedule:

Monday, July 16 at 9 am – Darron Collins, President of College of the Atlantic

Working Title: Bridging Local to Global Impact with an Alternative Approach to Higher Education

Darron Collins is a graduate of COA and earned a PhD in Anthropology from Tulane University. Prior to returning to COA he managed international and domestic projects for the World Wildlife Fund, led the organization's strategic planning process, and served as managing director for an area the size of Alaska encompassing a large swath of Mongolia, China, and Russia. Under the leadership of Collins, COA has completed a \$32,000,000 capital campaign and has become the top ranked school dedicated to the environment according to both the Princeton Review and the Sierra Club. He is an avid fly-fisherman, cyclist, hiker, and trail runner.

Tuesday, July 17 at 9 am – Coffee and Conversation

Filmmaker Olympia Stone joins Catherine Clinger, COA's Allan Stone Chair in the Visual Arts, to show clips from and discuss Stone's latest film about the award-winning American sculptor Elizabeth King

Tuesday, July 17 at 5 pm – Keynote Speaker

David Ellwood, Isabelle and Scott Black Professor of Political Economy, Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University

Working Title: Restoring the American Dream: What Would It Take to Dramatically Increase Mobility from Poverty?

Reception to follow

David Ellwood is a summa cum laude graduate of Harvard and earned a PhD in economics from the University in 1981. He joined the Kennedy School faculty in 1980. He served two terms as the School's Academic Dean. In 1993 he was named Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation at the U S Department of Health and Human Services and served as co-chair of President Clinton's Working Group on Welfare Reform, Family Support and Independence. His 1988 book, *Poor Support, Poverty in the American Family*, was selected by the New York Times Book Review as one of the notable books of the year and by the Policy Studies Organization as the outstanding book of the year. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a Research Associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research. He is one of the nation's leading scholars on poverty and welfare and has been credited with significantly influencing public policy in the United States and abroad. He is a summer resident of Winter Harbor and chairs the Board of the Schoodic Institute.

Wednesday, July 18 at 9 am – William Brennan, President, Maine Maritime Academy

Working Title: Maine Maritime Academy: How a Contemporary College is Preparing Young Men and Women for Successful Careers in Engineering, Management, Science, and Transportation

William Brennan has served as President of the Maine Maritime Academy since May of 2010. He holds a BS degree in Marine Biology from the University of Maine, an MA in Marine Affairs from the University of Rhode Island and a Doctoral Degree in Ecology and Environmental Sciences from the University of Maine. He is a leading authority on environmental policy relating to oceans, the atmosphere, and maritime issues. Prior to coming to Maine Maritime Academy, he served as head of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Other government positions included service as the Director of the United States Climate Change Science Program and Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for International Affairs and – in the State of Maine – as Commissioner of Maine's Department of Marine Resources.

Thursday, July 19 at 9 am – Laurie Lachance, President, Thomas College

Working Title: Being Bold in the Wild World of Higher Education – I'm Just Naïve Enough to Think This Might Work!

Laurie Lachance became President of Thomas College in 2012. She received her undergraduate degree from Bowdoin and an MBA from Thomas College. From 2004 to 2012, she served as President and CEO of the Maine Development Foundation. Before MDF, she served three governors as Maine State Economist and before that as Corporate Economist for Central Maine Power Company. She was inducted into the Maine Women's Hall of Fame in 2014 and was recently recognized by Maine Magazine as one of fifty Mainers charting the state's future. She chairs the Board of Educare Central Maine, is a Trustee of Foxcroft Academy and a member of Educate Maine and serves on the New England Board of Higher Education's Commission on Higher Education and Employability.

Friday, July 20 at 9 am – Deborah Dluhy, Board Member of the Maine College of Art and former head of the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

Working Title: Why Art Should Matter

Deborah Dluhy is an art historian, arts administrator, and independent arts consultant. She joined the Board of Trustees of the Maine College of Art in 2010. Prior to that she served as head of the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, for seventeen years. She is an alumna of Wheaton College (Norton, MA) and holds a PhD in Fine Arts from Harvard University. She served as Secretary and member of the Executive Committee of the National Association of Schools of Art and Design for seven years and continues to serve as an evaluator and consultant for NASAD and leads workshops for accreditation teams. She was also a member of the Board of Directors of the Association of Colleges of Art and Design. Debby was a member of the Wheaton College Board from 1986 to 2012 and was Chair from 2005 through 2010. At MECA she is a member of several standing Board committees and chairs the Governance Committee. Deborah lives in Cape Elizabeth and Boston.