



The McLaughlin College Union Presents its Inaugural Debate on the Future of Higher Education

The sudden onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and the closure of universities and colleges around the world and the resulting and immediate pivot to virtual, remote and online, modes of teaching and learning have raised serious questions regarding the future course of higher education. In the face of necessary social distancing measures and the resulting turn to virtual instruction, some have observed that the traditional modes of higher education where face-to-face instruction predominated will be replaced inevitably by video conference, synchronous, and online platforms, asynchronous, instruction. While others have noted that the future of higher education still lies in its long well-established and distinguished past of in-person instruction.

To further consider these and other related pertinent questions we have put together a distinguished panel of speakers who are prepared to debate the following question:

Will the COVID-19 pandemic change inconvertibly the future of higher education from the traditional in-person on site mode of delivery to remote and/or online virtual modes of delivery?

Following our speakers' presentations there will be an opportunity for participants to raise questions and join the debate. At the conclusion, of the debate you will be able to cast your vote "for" or "against" the question; that is, "yea" or "nay." The results of the vote will be posted for all to see.

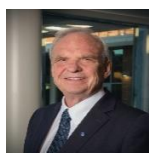
Join us for what should prove to be a most interesting and lively debate on a question that is surely on the minds of all members of the university community and the broader society at large.

MODERATOR:



JAMES C. SIMEON, is Head of McLaughlin College and an Associate Professor in the School of Public Policy and Administration (SPPA), Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies, York University. He is a Member-at-Large of the Executive of the Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies (CARFMS) and a past President of CARFMS.

PANELISTS:



CHARLES HOPKINS holds the UNESCO Chair in Reorienting Education towards Sustainability at York University, Canada, conducting research on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) and coordinating two research networks. He is advisor to the UN University's Institute of Advanced Studies in Sustainable Development, and Co-Director of the Asia-Pacific Institute on ESD in Beijing China.



NORMA SUE FISHER-STITT is a Full Professor in the Department of Dance at York University, where her academic career has spanned teaching, research, and administration. Most recently, she was the Interim AVP Teaching and Learning 2019/20. Her primary teaching areas include dance education and dance history, and in 2014, she received a York University President's Teaching Award.



DAVID LEYTON-BROWN is Professor Emeritus in the Department of Politics, York University, and former Master of McLaughlin and Calumet Colleges. His research and teaching has focused on International Relations, Canada-United States relations, Canadian and U.S foreign and defence policies, the politics of international trade and investment, and academic quality.



JENNINE RAWANA is currently the Head of Calumet College and a faculty member in the Clinical Developmental Program in the Department of Psychology at York University. She is also an Executive Member of the LaMarsh Centre for Child and Youth Research at York University and a supervising psychologist at the York University Psychology Clinic.

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1:30 – 3:00 PM via ZOOM WEBINAR

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