

**APPALACHIAN HIGHER EDUCATION NETWORK – 2016 SPRING MEETING**

DATE	SESSION TIME AND LOCATION
Wednesday, April 13	Working Dinner – 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 14	<p>State-specific Site visits on Capitol Hill – 8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>Network Business Meeting -2:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. ARC Offices, 1666 Connecticut. Ave. NW – 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room</p> <p>2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. – Network Reconnects</p> <p>2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. – Conversation with Elaine Weiss, National Coordinator, Broader Bolder Approach to Education (BBA) – (<a href="http://www.boldapproach.org/">http://www.boldapproach.org/</a>) - The BBA is a national campaign that advances evidence-based strategies to mitigate the impacts of poverty-related disadvantages on teaching and learning. BBA works with diverse communities to elevate examples of comprehensive approaches to education so that our public school system ensures every child an excellent and equitable education.</p> <p>3:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – Discussion of 2016 Conference; finalize details, assignments, etc.</p>
Friday, April 15	<p>JOIN THE WASHINGTON POLICY SEMINAR – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.</p> <div data-bbox="532 1094 675 1283" style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: top;">  </div> <p>Fairmont Hotel</p> <p>The day at the WPS will include small group workshops as well as plenary sessions – one facilitated by the former MS AHE program coordinator, Phil Hardwick. A listing of the Friday sessions at the WPS is available on the following pages.</p>
Saturday, April 16	Network Business Meeting – 9:00 a.m. – Noon

## WASHINGTON POLICY SEMINAR – FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2016

8:00-9:00 am - Breakfast in Grand Ballroom Prefunction Area

9:00 -10:15 am - Samuel Halperin Lecture & Youth Public Service Award - *Grand Ballroom*

The American Youth Policy Forum (AYPF) and the Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL) are hosting the second annual Samuel Halperin Lecture and Youth Public Service Award. The lecture and youth award serve as an ongoing tribute to Samuel Halperin, who dedicated his career to advancing education, workforce, and youth policy to improve the life outcomes for vulnerable youth, as well as personally mentoring and supporting many youth and young adults in their careers in public service. Halperin was a former president of IEL and the founder of AYPF.

- Welcome - Martin J. Blank, President, IEL & Betsy Brand, Executive Director, AYPF
- Lecture - Michele Cahill, Distinguished Fellow in Education and Youth Development  
National Center for Civic Innovation
- Award Presentation - Martin J. Blank, Betsy Brand

### CONCURRENT SESSIONS – 10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

**Federal Budget 101 - *Culpeper Room*** - Education funding is only 2% of federal budget, yet it has a big imprint on the states. Understand the federal budget process, the influence of presidential politics and lobbying groups on the federal budget, and the budgetary implications for education policy. Danica Petroschius, Principal, Penn Hill Group; and Sarah Bryner, Research Director, Center for Responsive Politics.

**Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act (HEA) - *Longworth Room*** - The Higher Education Act (HEA) is the next significant education policy up for reauthorization. What issues will dominate the policy discussions? Hear about core debates on federal financial aid and affordability; institutional accountability, regulations, and accreditation; and K-16 system alignment to support widespread access and success in postsecondary education. Devon Brenner (EPFP 04-05), Professor, Mississippi State University and Education Fellow, Office of Sen. Thad Cochran; Jolanta Juszkiwicz, Director of Policy Analysis, American Association of Community Colleges; Deborah Santiago, COO and Vice President, Excelencia in Education; Moderator: Chad d'Entremont (EPFP 04-05), MA EPFP Co-Coordinator, Executive Director, Rennie Center for Education Research & Policy.

**Policy and Politics of Standardized Assessments and the Opt-Out Movement - *Roosevelt Room*** - Look back and look forward on standardized assessments as vehicles for accountability in education policy. What have we learned since NCLB about standardized assessments? What has been the role of presidents in the standardized assessment movement as a vehicle for accountability? What drives the opt-out-of-testing movement? What can we expect under the Every Student Succeeds Act re: standardized assessments? Michael Casserly, Exec. Director, Council of the Great City Schools; Monty Neill, Exec. Director, National Center for Fair & Open Testing (FairTest); Moderator: Lisa Davis (EPFP 10-11), NY EPFP Co-Coordinator; Exec. Director, Westchester-Putnam School Boards Assn.

**Education Policy and Stakeholder Engagement - *Kennedy Ballroom*** - Organizations representing educators, government officials, and the business community represent some of the key stakeholder groups in education policy. How do these organizations support their constituents? What strategies do national stakeholder organizations use to engage their members in education policy? How do these diverse stakeholders and their constituencies collaborate and build consensus around a common agenda? Cindy Cisneros (EPFP 98-99), Vice President, Education Programs, Committee for Economic Development; Segun Eubanks (EPFP 01-02), Director of Professional Educator Supports, NEA; Sarah Silverman, Program Director, Education Division, National Governors Association; Moderator: Ron Cowell, PA EPFP Co-Coordinator and President, The Education Policy and Leadership Center.

**Federal Policy Incentives for School-Community Partnerships - *Imperial II*** - What federal incentives exist to promote school-community partnerships? How can schools leverage community-based partners to promote positive educational change? This session will address the role school-community partnerships play in education and the provisions in the new Every Student Succeeds Act that incentivize such partnerships. Demaune Millard, COO, Family League of Baltimore; Jalisa Whitley, Community Impact Manager, United Way of the National Capital Area; Moderator: Mary Kingston Roche (EPFP 10-11), Director of Public Policy, Coalition for Community Schools, IEL

**12:10-1:15 pm - Lunch Panel: Presidential Candidates' Education Platforms - *Grand Ballroom***

Hear from two leading conservative and progressive think tanks as they discuss the presidential candidates' education platforms and emerging agendas, as well as understand what drives policy priorities on the campaign trail and how the public perceives education issues on the road to electing a new president. What can and should we expect in education from the next president? Frederick Hess, Resident Scholar, Director of Education Policy Studies, American Enterprise Institute; Carmel Martin, Executive Vice President for Policy, Center for American Progress; Moderator: Dana Rickman, Georgia EPFP Coordinator; Director, Policy and Research, Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education.

**1:15-2:30 pm - The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) - A Look Behind the Scenes - *Grand Ballroom***

What made 2015 a politically desirable time to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)? Hear from Capitol Hill staff, the U.S. Department of Education, and education interest groups on the policy and political processes behind the scenes that helped realize the Every Student Succeeds Act and what this process implies for future education reauthorizations. Ary Amerikaner, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Strategic Initiatives and Policy, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, U.S. Department of Education; Lindsay Fryer, Senior Education Policy Advisor, U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; Liz King, Senior Policy Analyst and Director of Education Policy, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights and The Leadership Conference Education Fund; Moderator: Noelle Ellerson (EPFP 09-10), Associate Executive Director, Policy & Advocacy, American Association of School Administrators.

**2:30-3:00 pm - *Snack break in Grand Ballroom Prefunction Area***

**3:00-5:00 pm - Nat'l. Forum on Ed: Rethinking Accountability & Equity in the States - *Grand Ballroom***

In this two-part interactive session, you will work in both site-based and cross-site teams, debating and making difficult education policy choices and considering their implications for your respective states. How does federal policy on accountability and the push for equity affect the states? Facilitator: Phillip Hardwick, Strategic Planning Facilitator; Instructor of Management, Millsaps College