

SUNY Potsdam 2024 DEI Symposium

Creating and Sustaining Inclusivity

The 2024 DEI Symposium will be a gathering of faculty, and staff representing the Potsdam Campus Community.

The program will provide participants with a platform for critical dialogue on existing opportunities for strengthening the impact of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion initiatives and the fostering of Belonging in higher education and the college campus. The workshop sessions will explore strategies to enhance inclusiveness, foster cultural competency, and support diverse student populations.



For more information including: registration, workshop schedule, workshop description and presenter bios, scan or [click here!](#)

The Event Will Be Held On:

Thursday October 17th &
Friday October 18th
Barrington Student Union

Topics

- LGBTQIA+
- Free Speech and First Amendment
- Bias
- Racism
- Universal Learning
- Disabilities
- Neurodiversity
- Civic Engagement and Civil Discourse
- Legal Topics in Higher Ed.
- Fostering Inclusivity

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10:45am-12:15pm Break out Session 1

Gender and Sexuality: Creating Inclusive and Affirming Environments for all

Presented by: The ACRHealth Q Center

Hot Topics in Higher Education- The Legal Landscape and Campus Impact

Presented by: Mishka Woodley Thomas Esq. SUNY Legal

1:30pm-3:00pm Break out Session 2

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The Traumatic Impact of our Legacy: Understanding Race Based Traumatic Stress

Presented by: Josh Brown, College Counseling Center

3:10pm-4:40pm Break out Session 3

Standing Together: Countering, Confronting and Expelling Islamophobia

Presented by: Dr. Usama Shaikh, EdD. Stony Brook University

Tools for Fostering Inclusivity: Building Belonging Through Self-Reflective Practices

Presented by: Tamara Jolly, MAT. Adirondack Diversity Initiative

Friday 10/18

9am-10:30am Break out Session 4

Freedom of Expression, Academic Freedom, and the First Amendment in Public Universities

Presented by: Allen Groves. Syracuse University

The Hidden Connection: An Introduction to the Link between Executive Function and Student Behavior

Presented by: Rick Bryck, Ph.D. Landmark College

Understanding Jewish Identity and Antisemitism

Presented by: Sophia Salguero McGee. Project Sema

10:45am-12:15pm

Break out Session 5

Standing Together: Countering, Confronting and Expelling Islamophobia (Repeat)

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Creating Inclusive Campuses through Universal Design for Learning

Presented by: Rick Bryck, Ph.D. Landmark College

1pm-2:30pm Closing Plenary

Civic Education and Engagement and Civil Discourse Panel Presentation

Presented by: SUNY Fellows Cortland, Plattsburgh, Geneseo, Alfred State, Farmingdale

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Closing Plenary Session 1:00pm-2:30pm

Civic Education and Engagement and Civil Discourse Panel

Presented by: SUNY Cortland (John Suarez), SUNY Plattsburgh (Dan Lake), SUNY Geneseo (Michael Ogberg), Alfred State (Angela Graves), SUNY Farmingdale (Yetunde Odugdesan)