

# Conference Highlights

## Keynote Sessions

### "What Matters to Student Success: The Promise of High-Impact Practices"

Thursday, October 7  
8:45AM – 10:15AM



#### DR. GEORGE D. KUH

Indiana University Center for Postsecondary Research

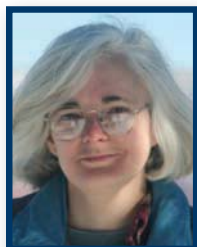
**ABOUT THE SESSION:** Creating the conditions that foster success in postsecondary education is more important than ever. Much progress has been made during the past two decades in using active, collaborative, and problem-based learning, learning communities, theme-based residences, service-learning, internships, and other experientially-based practices to enrich

student learning and promote educational attainment. Despite all this activity, too often these and other effective educational practices are underutilized. In this session I will review what matters to student success, examine some key indicators of quality such as student engagement, and illustrate the kinds of policies and "high impact" practices that channel student and institutional effort toward educationally purposeful activities and often boost the performance of historically underrepresented students and the less well-prepared.

**ABOUT THE SPEAKER:** George D. Kuh is Chancellor's Professor of Higher Education at Indiana University Bloomington where he directs the Center for Postsecondary Research. Founding director of the widely-used National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), George has written extensively about student engagement, assessment, institutional improvement, and college and university cultures, and consulted with more than 300 colleges and universities in the U.S. and abroad. In addition to High Impact Practices (2008) produced as part of the AAC&U LEAP initiative, his two most books are *Student Success in College: Creating Conditions That Matter* (2005) and *Piecing Together the Student Success Puzzle: Research, Propositions, and Recommendations* (2007). In 2001, he received Indiana University's prestigious Tracy Sonneborn Award for distinguished career of teaching and research. George earned the B.A. at Luther College, M.S. at the St. Cloud State University, and Ph.D. at the University of Iowa.

### "Tapping the Transformative Potential of Experiential Education through Democratic Engagement"

Friday, October 8  
9:45AM – 11:00AM



#### DR. PATTI H. CLAYTON

PHC Ventures

**ABOUT THE SESSION:** Patti Clayton will facilitate a reflective keynote session in which we will explore prospects for tapping the transformative potential of the full range of experiential pedagogies through the lens of some of the most powerful dynamics of community engaged teaching, learning, and scholarship. Reciprocal partnerships, critical reflection, civic

learning, and collaborative capacity-building are among the defining dimensions of community engagement; and they can help generate learning and change among all participants in a variety of experiential learning contexts. Key to the design of transformative experiential education are the shifts in perspective and practice that bring to life a paradigm shift from technocratic to democratic engagement and thereby position and empower all participants as co-learners, co-educators, and co-generators of knowledge. In this session we will assess our own approaches to experiential education with an eye to how we might enhance their democratic nature and deepen their transformative outcomes.

**ABOUT THE SPEAKER:** Patti H. Clayton, Ph.D., is an independent consultant (PHC Ventures: www.curricularengagement.com), a Senior Scholar with the Center for Service and Learning at IUPUI, and a Visiting Fellow with the New England Resource Center for Higher Education. She was previously founding Director of the Center for Excellence in Curricular Engagement at NC State University. Clayton co-developed the DEAL Model for critical reflection and assessment and models for student leadership, faculty development, curriculum development, and institutionalization of community engagement. Her work focuses on building the capacity of individuals, institutions, and the field as a whole for scholarly and democratic community-engaged teaching and learning.

## Opening Sessions

### Welcome to NSEE

Wednesday, October 6  
4:00PM – 4:30PM

This special orientation to NSEE and the conference is designed for all first time attendees and new members of NSEE. We will provide information about the organization, offer opportunities for involvement and leadership, and help you maximize your participation in the conference.

## Opening Workshop

### Being Of and With Service: An Experience in Public History

Wednesday, October 6  
4:30PM – 6:00PM

There are many demands placed upon faculty, staff and students "to do" service through a rigorous and effective method. That being reality, how do we as practitioners remain true to the essence and spirit of service? This interactive public history experience will provide an opportunity for participants to explore the foundational questions about "being with" service.

## Welcome Reception

### Revive and Regenerate Relationships

Wednesday, October 6  
6:00PM – 7:30PM

Don't miss this opportunity to network, market yourself, meet seasoned professionals and newcomers, reunite with friends and colleagues, and have fun! The reception is an informal and highly interactive environment that affords NSEE conference attendees the opportunity to engage with one another in discussions about relevant ongoing work and critical issues.

## NSEE Awards Luncheon



Friday, October 8  
11:30AM – 1:00PM

The annual NSEE Awards Luncheon celebrates amazing accomplishments in the field of experiential education. An NSEE Award honors and puts the national spotlight on a program, person, or organization making significant contributions to the field of experiential education. Awards are typically presented in the following categories: Higher Education Leader of the Year; K-12 Leader of the Year; Rising Leader of the Year; Pioneer of the Year; Research Leader of the Year; Corporate/Foundation Leader of the Year; and, Experiential Education Program of the Year. The NSEE awards and the Awards Luncheon are sponsored by *Northwestern Mutual Financial Network*. **Don't miss this celebration!**

NSEE will also recognize our second William Burke Award winner during the luncheon. The award will be given to a college or university president and consists of a \$2,000 scholarship to be awarded to a student at the winner's home institution for participation in an experiential program. This award, funded by The Washington Center, recognizes a sitting college president who has made significant contributions to experiential education and who exemplifies Bill's commitment to college students through support of experiential education on campus and in the community.

## Ask The Expert Resource Corner

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!**

Back by popular demand, we will once again feature the opportunity to spend time with our keynote speakers and other experts in small group conversations during conference breaks. This will be a chance to discuss topics that are important to you with leaders in the field of experiential education. Come with your questions, challenges, plans, etc. and learn from the experts.

## Annual Business Meeting with Wine and Cheese Reception

The purpose of the Annual NSEE Business meeting is to update the members about the current status of the organization. This year a wine and cheese reception will follow the meeting. Take the opportunity to network one last time at this closing event. Say thank you and exchange contact information until next year!

Friday, October 8  
5:00PM – 5:30PM