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Education for the 21st Century Think Tank

From April 24 - 26, the Advanced Leadership Initiative held the “Education for the 21st Century” Think Tank. Advanced Leadership Initiative Co-Chair and HGSE Professor Fernando Reimers convened several leaders of thought and practice in education research and reform to serve as Think Tank speakers and panelists. Over the course of three days, participants engaged in a rich exploration of key themes pertaining to how it is that schools prepare the young to become architects of their own lives and contributing members of their communities. Some key topics discussed included: skills that schools must teach students, how these skills align with economic revitalization and growth, and how schools can balance the goals of fostering academic excellence with doing so fairly and equitably. Panelists included students, educators, administrators, business and government leaders, both domestically and internationally, including speakers from Singapore, Finland, China and Mexico.

On April 26th, the Advanced Leadership Initiative, in conjunction with the Harvard Graduate School of Education, co-sponsored an Askwith Forum panel discussion, “Educational Challenges in the 21st Century,” as part of the Education Think Tank. Askwith Forums are a series of public lectures highlighting leaders in the field to share new knowledge, generate spirited conversation, and offer insights into the highest priority challenges facing education. This particular panel examined the role K-12 schools can play in supporting economic and civic renewal. Participants discussed the key gaps in preparing students to be contributors to a knowledge-based economy and democratic participation, and examined the options to support reform efforts.

Watch the panel discussion in its entirety here: http://www.gse.harvard.edu/news-impact/2014/04/educational-challenges-of-the-21st-century/

Read more about the Think Tank here: http://www.thecrimson.com/article/2014/4/25/askwith-forum-modern-education/

Watch Professor Reimers and select participants discuss what it was like to come together at Harvard to push this topic forward: http://www.gse.harvard.edu/news-impact/2014/05/convening-at-hgse-education-for-the-21st-century/

America on the Move

The report from the national summit, “America on the Move: Transportation and Infrastructure for the 21st Century” held February 26 – 28, 2014, has just been issued, alongside additional text and video clips. Read the report, read the text, and watch the clips here: www.hbs.edu/AmerciaontheMove
Lezli Baskerville  
2014 AL Fellow

Lezli was commencement speaker at North Carolina Central University’s graduation ceremony on May 10th. To a full audience, including 682 undergraduates receiving their degrees, Lezli encouraged these graduates to utilize their skills and talents to involve themselves in important social causes, including the fight against poverty, climate change and voter suppression, among other important issues. Read more:

http://www.nccu.edu/news/index.cfm?ID=0A7A39C-C5-F8D8-3AB5C365CF-1827CF

Daniel Cunningham  
2013 AL Fellow

On April 10th, Dan made a presentation to a special combined meeting of the Harvard Club of Cincinnati and the Harvard Business School Club of Cincinnati, entitled “Increasing Midwest Prosperity and the Status of US Competitiveness,” using ideas and data from ALI and the US Competitiveness Project. As a result of the presentation and subsequent press, Dan was invited to meet with Ohio Governor John Kasich’s staff to provide innovative ideas to increase prosperity in Ohio. On April 14th, Dan met with seven members of Governor John Kasich’s staff in Columbus, alongside local leader, Dr. Victor Garcia, a pediatric surgeon at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital, who has been working for several years on reducing poverty as a way to reduce inner city violence. At the encouragement of members of the Governor’s staff, along with a former Ohio Senate President, Dan submitted a proposal to the Governor, outlining ways to increase Midwest prosperity.

Joseph Mandato  
2012 AL Fellow

Joe was commencement speaker and honorary degree recipient at the University of San Francisco for the graduate students in the School of Management ceremony on May 17th. Watch Joe’s commencement speech here (click on “Masagung Graduate School of Management” once on the page):

http://www.usfca.edu/commencement/

Anna Burger  
2011 AL Fellow

Anna’s project work, the Gettysburg Project, an effort to develop understandings to reinvigorate meaningful and consequential civic engagement for the 21st century, was successfully launched at a meeting in March 2014 at Harvard. Anna is co-chairing the project, while Harvard Kennedy School Professors Archon Fung and Marshall Ganz are serving as members of the core committee. Sabeel Rahman, a Ph.D. candidate in political theory at the Harvard University Department of Government, and a JD candidate at Harvard Law School, has taken on the role of Project Director. As this project takes off, Anna’s work on sustainable funding for civic engagement is picking back up again.
Gilberto Dimenstein
2011 AL Fellow

Gilberto’s AL project, Catraca Livre -- offering people throughout a city access to everything that’s free -- has now spread from its Sao Paulo base to 12 cities in Brazil.

Learn more about Catraca Livre here: http://catracalivre.com.br/sp/

Paul Irving
2010 AL Fellow

Paul's recently published book, The Upside of Aging, is now available for purchase. The book explores the aging revolution occurring across America, as the senior population shatters pre-held stereotypes of dependency and decline, as previously characterized by older age. Paul's book proposes significant policy and societal challenges to be addressed in order to exploit the many opportunities and potential that come with aging. The book’s chapter authors, all prominent thought-leaders, point to a reinvention and reimagining of our older years that have critical implications for people of all ages.


Doug Rauch
2010 AL Fellow

Doug Rauch’s project, Daily Table, which addresses food waste, hunger, and nutrition in a new retail concept, has raised startup funds and is getting ready to offer the first store in Dorchester, a Boston neighborhood.

Below is a link to electronic nomination information. The file contains key facts about the Fellowship, lists of Fellows to date, faculty leaders, and a response form. We hope you will keep this nomination information on file and refer candidates.

If you would like a hard copy of this nomination information, please contact Fellowship Director John Kendzior (john_kendzior@harvard.edu; direct phone 617-496-2452) or any of the ALI staff (main office phone 617-496-5479) will be glad to assist you.

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Professor Rosabeth Moss Kanter
Chair and Director, ALI
Ernest L. Arbuckle Professor of Business Administration, Harvard Business School

Professor Kanter was named #17 on Inc.’s Top 50 Leadership and Management Experts list, listing the most popular leadership and management experts in the world.


Professor Kanter is a regular contributor to the Wall Street Journal’s “The Experts,” an exclusive group of industry and academic thought leaders on leadership who weigh in on the latest debates. Over the last month, Professor Kanter has contributed multiple blog posts to “The Experts” on topics ranging from the importance of social media to advancing one’s career, curiosity as a key component of executive qualities, a new approach to measuring company success, and other leadership themes.

Read Professor Kanter’s latest blog posts here: http://blogs.wsj.com/experts/tag/rosabeth-moss-kanter/

Professor Rakesh Khurana
Marvin Bower Professor of Leadership Development, Harvard Business School
Co-Chair, Advanced Leadership Initiative

Professor Khurana was recently featured in “The Origins of Office Speak,” an article in the Atlantic. Professor Khurana was featured throughout the piece, providing insight, history and context to the origins of corporate buzzwords.


Professor Fernando M. Reimers
Ford Foundation Professor of International Education
Director of the Global Education and International Education Policy Program, Harvard Graduate School of Education
Co-Chair, Advanced Leadership Initiative

Professor Reimers, alongside 2014 AL Fellows Margaret Huber, Carol Johnson, Pat Ramsay, Art Reimers, and Marissa Wesely, spoke on May 11th in Cambridge Common at a rally held to call for the return of more than 300 students who were kidnapped from a school in the town of Chibok, in northeastern Nigeria, in mid-April.

Read more about the rally, as featured in The Boston Globe, with special mention of Carol Johnson: http://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2014/05/11/cambridge-gather-call-for-nigerian-students-return/blsUCx6iTNJCe-fmQKYDUCP/story.html

Professor Ronald Sullivan
Clinical Professor of Law and Edward R. Johnson Lecturer on Law Director, Harvard Criminal Justice Institute, Harvard Law School
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Professor Sullivan was recently featured in “Punitive Damages” - a Q&A on the economic and social costs of rising U.S. incarcerations, despite dipping crime rates - in the Harvard Gazette. In his Q&A, Professor Sullivan discusses racial and national sentencing disparities, the economic and social costs of mass incarceration, and the sentencing reforms now under consideration.

Read more here: http://news.harvard.edu/gazette/story/2014/05/punitive-damages/
Thank you to Professor Fernando Reimers for chairing the “Education for the 21st Century” Think Tank in April.

The event proved to be a great success, promoting thought-provoking conversations, a robust exchange of ideas, and leading the way for 2014 AL Fellows to develop, grow and refine their project work.

If you have not yet read or received a copy of the Advanced Leadership 5 year report, please be sure to request one using the link in the “Program News” section of this issue. Advanced Leadership Faculty and Fellows should be proud of their investment of time in seeking new ways to mobilize leadership to improve the world and I am confident that the report can help to inspire others to get involved and create similar programs.

Rosabeth Moss Kanter
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http://advancedleadership.harvard.edu/news-and-publications/newsletters/

2014 Education Think Tank Photos
Additional Education Think Tank photos are located on the Advanced Leadership Initiative Flickr page:
https://www.flickr.com/photos/harvard_ali/set/721576443343753077/
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