

5th Annual Community College Mini-Conference Theme

***Reclaiming the Republic to Dismantle Oppression:
Empowering Students To Be The Difference***

This mini conference focusing on the needs of community college faculty and students will center around the theme of reclaiming our republic in order to dismantle systemic oppression. The goal of the conference is to provide faculty with the tools needed to empower students to be the difference as agents of social change. There are three core sub – themes of this mini conference with corresponding panel discussions to include an analysis / discussion on what is the republic, how do we reclaim the republic and subsequently the dismantling of systemic oppression.

Centered around the mini conference theme, panel round tables, panel presentations and papers presented will focus on:

Rethinking Our Introduction and Saving the Republic from Illiberal Academia
Towards Anti-Racism Political Science
Post-Pandemic Political Science – Wave of Future Online Learning and Equity Issues
Let It Burn - Standing by and Watching the Republic Fall.
Breaking Through Barriers - Redefining Community Colleges in a post-pandemic learning environment systemic issues and persistent challenges.
Defending Democratic Institutions Through a Critical Pedagogical Lens.
Comparativists / Americanists - Conversations on Applying Comparativist Themes in Democratic Backsliding
The Cult of Propaganda – Academic Intolerance and The Impact of the University of YouTube.
Ideological Bullying and Incivility in American Politics and Civic Engagement.
Dismantling of Oppression: Are We Ready to Start a Pedagogical Revolution?

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