



The National Association of Scholars' 25th Anniversary Celebration

March 1-2, 2013
Harvard Club, New York, NY

*A Mighty Maze: Charting the Future of American Higher Education
in an Age of Illiberal Ideologies, Broken Budgets, Big Debts, and Declining Standards*

Friday, March 1

- 1:30-2:00 Registration
- 2:00-2:15 Welcome
Peter Wood, National Association of Scholars
- 2:15-3:45 *Session 1: The Illiberal Arts: Politicization and Academic Decline*
Robert Paquette, Alexander Hamilton Institute, Hamilton College (Moderator)
Richard Fonte, Member, National Association of Scholars
Charles Geshekter, California State University, Chico
Michael Toscano, National Association of Scholars
Ashley Thorne, National Association of Scholars
- 4:00-5:30 *Session 2: The Battle Over Racial Preferences*
Ward Connerly, American Civil Rights Institute (Moderator)
Althea Nagai, Center for Equal Opportunity
Russell Nieli, Princeton University
Gail Heriot, University of San Diego Law School
- 5:45-7:00 Reception

Saturday, March 2

- 8:00-9:00 Breakfast
- 9:00-10:30 *Session 3: The Higher Education Bubble: Ballooning Prices, Crippling Debt, Declining Standards, New Competition, and the Future of the College Degree*
Jason Fertig, University of Southern Indiana (Moderator)
George Leef, John W. Pope Center for Higher Education Policy
Michael Poliakoff, American Council of Trustees and Alumni
Andrew Gillen, Education Sector
- 10:45-12:15 *Session 4: The New Civics and Social Justice Advocacy*
John Leo, Minding the Campus (Moderator)
Fred Siegel, Saint Francis College
Sol Stern, Manhattan Institute

Peter Berkowitz, Hoover Institution, Stanford University

12:15-1:30 *Luncheon Keynote:* Steve Milloy, JunkScience.com

1:45-3:15 *Breakout Sessions*

3:30-5:00 *Session 5: Whither the West?*

Stanley Kurtz, Ethics and Public Policy Center (Moderator)

Stephen Balch, Texas Tech University

Ibn Warraq, Institution for the Secularization of Islamic Society

Paul Rahe, Hillsdale College

Dinner

5:30-6:30 Registration, Reception

6:30-6:45 Seating

6:45-7:00 Welcome

7:00-9:00 Dinner Program

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Tom Wolfe (keynote)