

November 13, 2026

Strasser Legacy Room (220 Eggers Hall) | Syracuse University

Schedule:

8:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. **Continental breakfast - *Strasser Legacy Room (220 Eggers Hall)***

9:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. **Welcome Remarks**

- Behzad Mortazavi, *Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences*
- Planning Committee Members
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9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. **Keynote, The Humanities as the Crossroads: Creativity, Collaboration, and the Public Good**

- Kathleen Fitzpatrick, *Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies, College of Arts & Letters, and University Distinguished Professor of English and Digital Humanities, Michigan State University*

10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. **Break**

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. **Humanities at the Crossroads: Choices for a Robust Future**

Moderator - Gwendolyn Pough, *Associate Dean of Strategic Initiatives, Dean's Professor of the Humanities, Professor of Women's & Gender Studies, Interim Chair of African American Studies and Women's & Gender Studies - College of Arts & Sciences at Syracuse University*

- Collin Gifford Brooke, *Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Writing Studies, Rhetoric and Composition, Syracuse University*
- Amanda Brown, *William P. Tolley Distinguished Teaching Professor and Professor of Linguistics, Syracuse University*
- Thomas Keck, *Professor, Political Science, Syracuse University*
- Danika Medak-Saltzman, *Associate Professor, Women's & Gender Studies; Director, Native American and Indigenous Studies Program; Co-Director, Center for Global Indigenous Cultures and Environmental Justice, Syracuse University*

Respondents-

- Kathleen Fitzpatrick, *Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies, College of Arts & Letters; University Distinguished Professor of English and Digital Humanities, Michigan State*
- Katina Rogers, *Independent scholar, consultant, and author at Inkcap Consulting*

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. **Lunch - *Strasser Commons, Eggers Hall***

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. **Keynote, Towards a Mycelial University: Conditions for a Flourishing Humanities Ecosystem**

- Katina Rogers, *Independent scholar, consultant, and author at Inkcap Consulting*

1:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. **Break**

1:45 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. **Building Infrastructures of Support for Humanities Researchers**

Moderator - Sarah Workman, *Director of Research Development, Arts & Humanities, Office of Research at Syracuse University*

- Peter H. Christensen, *Arthur Satz Professor of the Humanities; Professor of Art and Art History; Senior Associate Dean, School of Arts and Sciences; Ani and Mark Gabrellian Director, Humanities Center at University of Rochester*
- Kathleen Fitzpatrick, *Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies, College of Arts & Letters; University Distinguished Professor of English and Digital Humanities, Michigan State*
- Shelome Gooden, *Professor of Linguistics, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research in the Humanities, Arts, Social Sciences and Related Fields, Associate Vice Provost for Faculty Advancement and Leadership Development, Office of the Senior Vice Chancellor for Research, University of Pittsburgh*
- Vivian May, *Director, Humanities Center; Director, CNY Humanities Corridor; Professor, Women's & Gender Studies, Syracuse University*

2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. **Break**

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. **The Public Work of the Humanities**

Moderator - Brice Nordquist, *Director, Engaged Humanities Network; Dean's Professor of Community Engagement; Associate Professor of Writing Studies, Rhetoric and Composition, Syracuse University*

- Tamar Carroll, *Professor of History, Rochester Institute of Technology*
- Katie Flowers, *Executive Director of Community Engagement and Service Learning, Hobart and William Smith Colleges*
- Tanisha Jackson, *Executive Director of the Community Folk Art Center and Assistant Professor of African American Studies, Syracuse University*
- Aaron Luedtke, *Assistant Professor of History and Native American and Indigenous Studies, Syracuse University*

4:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. **Break**

4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. **Building Infrastructures of Support for Graduate Education**

Moderator: Dan Olson-Bang, *Director of Career & Professional Development, Graduate School, Syracuse University*

- Anke Finger, *Professor of German and Media Studies and Comparative Literary and Cultural Studies, University of Connecticut*
- Thomas (Tal) A. Lewis, *Dean of the Graduate School and Vice Provost for Graduate Education, Cornell University*
- Katina Rogers, *Independent scholar, consultant, and author at Inkcap Consulting*
- Emily Stewart, *Senior Director, Education and Curation, Museum of Science and Technology*
- Glenn Wright, *Executive Director of Career & Professional Development, Graduate School, Syracuse University*

5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. **Reception - *Strasser Commons, Eggers Hall***

Planning Committee / Conference Partners:

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