



**PROJECT PERICLES**  
DEBATING FOR DEMOCRACY (D4D) NATIONAL CONFERENCE  
THURSDAY, MARCH 28 – FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2019



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THURSDAY, MARCH 28

Theresa Lang Community and Student Center, Arnhold Hall  
Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts at The New School  
55 West 13<sup>th</sup> Street (between Fifth and Sixth Avenues), New York, NY

8:30 AM **Continental Breakfast**

9:00 AM **Welcome and Orientation**

*David E. Van Zandt, President, The New School*  
*Jan R. Liss, Executive Director, Project Pericles*

9:15 AM **Social Action - Panel Discussion**

*Moderated by Jan R. Liss, Executive Director, Project Pericles*  
*Chuck Bell, Programs Director, Advocacy, Consumer Reports*  
*DeNora Getachew, New York Executive Director, Generation Citizen*  
*Jason Mangone, Co-author of Leaders: Myth & Reality by Stanley McChrystal with Jeff Eggers & Jason Mangone*  
*Christina Thomas, Member of the winning D4D team from the 2017 Legislative Hearing, Pace University '19*

10:30 AM **Break**

10:45 AM **Social Action Student Workshops**

*With Chuck Bell, DeNora Getachew, Jason Mangone, Christina Thomas and*  
*John Cronin, Senior Fellow, Dyson College Institute for Sustainability and the Environment, Pace University*

12:15 PM **Lunch**

1:00 PM **Media, Political Engagement, and Reporting in an Age of Partisanship - Panel Discussion**

*Moderated by Stephanie P. Browner, Dean, Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts at The New School*  
*Molly Ball, National Political Correspondent, Time Magazine*  
*Dahlia Lithwick, Senior Editor, Slate*  
*D.C. Vito, Co-founder and Executive Director, The LAMP (Learning About Multimedia Project)*  
*Jason Willick, Assistant Editorial Features Editor, The Wall Street Journal*

2:30 PM **Coffee, Tea, and Cookies**

Tishman Auditorium, University Center, The New School  
63 Fifth Avenue (between 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Streets)

3:15 PM **D4D Legislative Hearing**

Legislative Committee:

*Constance Berry Newman, former U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs*  
*Martha Kanter, former U.S. Under Secretary of Education*  
*Ruth Messinger, former Manhattan Borough President*

Letters to an Elected Official:

*Macalester College, "A Letter Proposing Alternate Accountability Measures for Elder Care Abuse in the Older and Vulnerable Adults Rights and Protection Act of 2018 (S.F. 3088), which would Reward Assisted Living Facilities for Taking Proactive Steps to Prevent Elder Abuse" to Minnesota State Senator Karin Housley (R) by Fiona Adams and Kai Akimoto*

*Pitzer College, "A Letter in Support of the Healthy California Act (S.B. 562) that would Establish a State Based Universal Health Care System" to California State Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez (D) by Christian Cabuñag and Ray Hill-Cristol*

*Swarthmore College, "A Letter in Support of Driving 100% of Public School Funding through Governor Tom Wolf's Fair Funding Formula (H.B. 1552)" to Pennsylvania State Representative Leanne Krueger Braneky (D) by Zoe Jannuzi and Gabriella Vetter*

*Ursinus College, "A Letter in Support of the HER Act (H.R. 1055) to Address the Impact of the Global Gag Rule on the Delivery of International Health Care" to Representative Anthony Brown (D-MD) by Sophie Auerbach and Abigail Peabody*

*Whitman College, "A Letter to Introduce New Legislation to Prohibit Insurance Companies and Employers from Discriminating Against Workers Who Seek Compensation after an Injury, Based on Immigration Status" to Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR) by Salma Anguiano and Ameliz Price-Dominguez*



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**Lang Café**  
**65 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street (between Fifth and Sixth Avenues)**

- 5:30 PM **Reception and Poster Session**  
*Lauren McGrail, Executive Director and Trustee, Eugene M. Lang Foundation*  
*Neil R. Grabois, Chair, Project Pericles*
- 6:00 PM **Award Ceremony**  
*Presentation of Award for Letter to an Elected Official*
- 7:15 PM **Adjourn**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 29**

**Theresa Lang Community and Student Center, Arnhold Hall**  
**Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts at The New School**  
**55 West 13<sup>th</sup> Street (between Fifth and Sixth Avenues), New York, NY**

- 8:00 AM **Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30 AM **Interactive Workshop - You Have a Voice. It's Time to Hear It.**  
Hook, Line, & Sinker: The Three Parts of a Successful Legislative Meeting  
Preparing for the Opposition  
*Led by Christopher Kush, CEO, Soapbox Consulting and Author of The One-Hour Activist*  
*Kevin Schultze, Vice President, Congressional Relations, Soapbox Consulting*
- 10:30 AM **Break**
- 10:45 AM **Protecting the Health of Our Democracy - Panel Discussion**  
*Moderated by Natalie Gross, Director, Office of Civic Engagement & Social Justice, Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts at The New School*  
*Ramon Contreras, Co-Founder, Youth Over Guns and 2018 National Field Strategist, March For Our Lives*  
*Linus Owens, Associate Professor of Sociology, Middlebury College*  
*Lourdes Rosado, Program Director, New York Civil Liberties Union*  
*Nadine Strossen, Author of HATE: Why We Should Resist It with Free Speech, Not Censorship and Former President, ACLU*
- 12:15 PM **Lunch**
- 12:25 PM **The Role of Non-Profits in Our Democracy - Luncheon Discussion**  
*Moderated by Garret S. Batten, Assistant Director, Project Pericles*  
*Soji Adewumi, Chief Operating Officer, "I Have a Dream" Foundation*  
*Becky Alemán, Manager of Youth Cultural Organizing, Friends of the High Line*  
*Tony Hillery, Founder, Harlem Grown*  
*Vivian Nixon, Executive Director, College and Community Fellowship*  
*Ron Shiffman, Member, Governing Board of Directors, Center for The Living City and Professor Emeritus, Pratt Graduate Center for Planning and the Environment*  
*With Stephen Goldsmith, Director of the Center for The Living City*
- 1:45 PM **Conference Wrap-up**  
*Jan R. Liss, Executive Director, Project Pericles*
- 2:00 PM **Student Visits to Non-Profit Organization**

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