

# **NEA-AFT Higher Education Joint Conference: Building Alliances for Higher Education and the Public Good**

**March 28-30, 2008  
Hilton Washington  
Washington, DC**

## **Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.            Registration**
- 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.        ABC's of the AFT**
- 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.        NEA National Council for Higher Education (NCHE) Meeting**
- 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.      AFT Higher Education Priorities—AFT Higher Education Program and Policy Council**
- 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.        LUNCH**
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.        NEA NCHE Minority Caucus Meeting  
Convener: Leslie Richards**
- 1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.        FLASH SESSIONS**
- Workshop 1: **Making Textbooks Affordable**  
    Workshop 2: **The NEA Higher Education Emerging Leaders Academy**  
    Workshop 3: **AFT's Faculty and College Excellence Campaign**  
    Workshop 4: **Public Access to Scholarly Research**  
    Workshop 5: **AFL-CIO College Opportunity for All**  
    Workshop 6: **The NEA Foundation for the Improvement of  
Education and Higher Education Grant Opportunities**  
    Workshop 7: **Do You Know Your FICO Score?**  
    Workshop 8: **Dismissals, Layoffs, and Tenure Denials**  
    Workshop 9: **AFT Workload Study: Paraprofessionals and School-Related Personnel**
- 1:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.        PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSION**
- Workshop 10: **Dealing with Troubled Students**
- 1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.        CYBER SESSIONS**
- NEA's HECAS: The Higher Education Contract Analysis System**
- AFT Electronic Resources: An Overview**

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

**WORKSHOPS**

- Workshop 1: **Distance Education Quality Benchmarks**
- Workshop 2: **Building Alliances for a "Just Contract"**
- Workshop 3: **Status of State Higher Education Funding**
- Workshop 4: **Higher Education Across Borders: A Discussion on Accountability and Contingency with Colleagues from Canada**
- Workshop 5: **Trends in Faculty Salaries and Retirement**
- Workshop 6: **Legal Forum**
- Workshop 7: **Why I Teach and Why It Matters**
- Workshop 8: **Promoting Faculty Diversity**
- Workshop 9: **Resolving Conflicts Among Academic Staff**

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

**CYBER SESSIONS**

**Analyzing Your Institution's Budget**

**AFT's Resources for Bargaining: Surveys, Institutional Research and Contract Comparisons**

**4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

**AFT & NEA Opening Plenaries**

**6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

**Reception, Dinner and Keynote Speech**

**Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**Registration**

**9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**

**WORKSHOPS**

- Workshop 1: **Helping Latino/Latina Students to Succeed**
- Workshop 2: **Academic Freedom For All – Issues for Tenured and Nontenured Faculty**
- Workshop 3: **Job Security and Career Ladders for Contingents**
- Workshop 4: **Ensuring Retirement Security: Protecting Post-Retirement Health Care**
- Workshop 5: **Liberal Education Takes a New Turn**
- Workshop 6: **What are State Legislators Thinking?**
- Workshop 7: **Building Alliances to Preserve Affirmative Action**
- Workshop 8: **Building an Active, Vibrant Local**
- Workshop 9: **Education Support Professionals (ESP) Benefits and Job Satisfaction**

**9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSION**

Workshop 10: **Teaching in the Dual Enrollment Classroom**

**9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**

**CYBER SESSIONS**

**AFT's Electronic Tools for Local Communications**

**NEA's College and University Data Analysis System (CUDAS)**

**10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.      WORKSHOPS**

- Workshop 1: **Campaign for College Affordability**
- Workshop 2: **Promoting Free Exchange on Campus**
- Workshop 3: **Bargaining Effective Grievance Procedures for Contingent Faculty**
- Workshop 4: **Ensuring Retirement Security: Protecting Pensions**
- Workshop 5: **Defending Effective Accountability and Assessment Practices**
- Workshop 6: **Effective State Lobbying**
- Workshop 7: **Faculty Workload and Productivity: Strategic Views of Unionized Faculty of Color**
- Workshop 8: **Collective Bargaining Trends and Successes—Full-Time Nontenure-Track Faculty**
- Workshop 9: **Academic Staff Promotion Processes**

**10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.      CYBER SESSIONS**

**Creating Your Own Local's Website**

**AFT's Resources for Bargaining: Surveys, Institutional Research and Contract Comparisons**

**12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.      Lunch and Polishhook Lecture**

**2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.      WORKSHOPS**

- Workshop 1: **Contingent Faculty Forum: A Discussion about Collective Bargaining, Legislative Advocacy and Building Strong Locals**
- Workshop 2: **Collective Bargaining in Community Colleges**
- Workshop 3: **Mentoring New Faculty**
- Workshop 4: **Closing the Achievement Gap**

**2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.      PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSION**

- Workshop 5: **Visual Literacy**

**2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.      CYBER SESSIONS**

**NEA CUDAS and HECAS Tutorial**

**AFT Higher Education Electronic Resources: A Hands-On Introduction**

**Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.      Registration**

**9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.      Closing Plenary: Federal Higher Education Policy: The Road Ahead**