

Plenary Speakers

Jeff Selingo

Jeffrey Selingo, an author, reporter, columnist, and leading authority on higher education, has spent his journalism career covering colleges and universities worldwide.

His forthcoming book, [College \(Un\)Bound: The Future of Higher Education and What It Means for Students](#), to be released on May 7, will explore the college of the future – how families will pay, what campuses will look like, and how students will learn and prove their value in the job market.

Selingo is editor at large of The Chronicle of Higher Education and a senior fellow at Education Sector, an independent education think tank in Washington, D.C.

From 2007 until 2011, he was editor of The Chronicle, where he worked for 15 years in a variety of reporting and editing roles. His work has been honored with awards from the Education Writers Association, Society of Professional Journalists and the Associated Press, and he was a finalist for the Livingston Award for Young Journalists.

He has been a featured speaker before dozens of national higher-education groups and appears regularly on regional and national radio and television programs, including NPR, ABC and CBS. His writing has also appeared in The New York Times, The Washington Post, and The Huffington Post.

He received a bachelor's degree in journalism from Ithaca College and a master's degree in government from the Johns Hopkins University.

Daphne Koller

Daphne Koller is the co-founder of Coursera, a social entrepreneurship company that works with top universities to make education accessible to everyone, for free.

Coursera launched in January 2012, and now has 62 top university partners from 13 countries around the world who offer over 300 courses. Over 2.7 million students from 196 countries have enrolled for Coursera classes.

Koller is also Rajeev Motwani Professor in the Computer Science Department at Stanford University where she works in the area of machine learning and probabilistic modeling, with applications to systems biology and personalized medicine. She is the recipient of the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE), the MacArthur Foundation Fellowship, the ACM/Infosys Award, and a member of the National Academy of Engineering. She is also an award-winning teacher, who pioneered in her Stanford class many of the ideas that underlie the Coursera user experience.

She received her B.Sc. and M.Sc. from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and her PhD from Stanford in 1994.

Speaker and Panelist Biographies

Teri Balser

Dr. Teresa Balser is Dean of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, and a Professor of Soil and Water Science at the University of Florida. Dr. Balser earned her Ph.D. in soil microbiology from the University of California at Berkeley, followed by postdoctoral research in ecosystem ecology at Stanford University. Dean Balser has a strong teaching/education record and incorporates active learning, innovative curriculum design, and teaching-as-research to advance educational goals.

She has received numerous awards for her teaching accomplishments including selection to be a National Biology Scholar and two national awards: the USDA/APLU National Excellence in College and University Teaching Award (2009), and 2010 U.S. Professor of the Year (Doctoral and Research Universities) from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement of Education (CASE). She is a co-founder of the Society for Advancement of Biology Education Research (SABER).

During the past year she has worked to coordinate the activities of a campus-wide task force to celebrate the sesquicentennial anniversary of the signing of the Morrill Act. This symposium represents one such activity.

Hannah Carter

If she couldn't be a farmer, finding a career that supported the agricultural industry was the next best option for Dr. Hannah Carter. After obtaining her B.S. degree from the University of Maine at Presque Isle and her M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in leadership development from the University of Florida, she accepted her current faculty position within the Agricultural Education and Communication Department at the University of Florida. Within this role, she works as the Director of the Wedgworth Leadership Institute for Agriculture and Natural Resources, advises graduate students and teaches undergraduate and graduate courses on leadership development.

Yun Min “Danny” Chang

Yun Min “Danny” Chang is a senior undergraduate biochemistry student at UF. During his four years in college, he has published two peer-reviewed articles and is currently preparing two others for publication. He has also served as one of the directors of the

pre-medical chapter of the American Medical Student Association (AMSA) – and played a vital role in organizing homeless outreach events and volunteering patients at the Equal Access Clinic, a free-medical clinic serving Alachua County. Nationally, Chang has lobbied in Washington for the national chapter of AMSA for accessible healthcare and has presented his research at several conferences. He is a Reitz Scholar and a recent inductee into the UF Hall of Fame.

Elio Chiarelli

Elio Chiarelli Jr. is a principal and co-founder of Covenant Wealth Management and partner with Pensionmark Retirement Group. With more than 6 years in the financial services industry, Elio's focus is working with professionals, executives and employees to help them achieve their investment, retirement and financial planning goals. Elio received his bachelor's degree in Agricultural Education and Environmental Science from The Pennsylvania State University as well as a master's degree in Agricultural Leadership and Economics from The University of Florida. Elio is active in the community and currently serves in various leadership roles in and around in his hometown of Gainesville, FL.

Kara Dawson

Dr. Kara Dawson is an associate professor of educational technology within the School of Teaching and Learning in the University of Florida's College of Education. She received her doctorate in Instructional Technology from the University of Virginia after serving as an elementary and middle school teacher, computer resource teacher, coach and technical writer. She served for two years in a post-doctoral position at the Curry Center for Technology and Teacher Education at UVA and came to UF as an Assistant Professor in 1999. Dr. Dawson has conducted large-scale studies on the influence of technology tools and resources on teacher practices, technology literacy and student learning. Her work in online and blended learning began when she co-taught the College of Education's first Internet-based, online course. Since that time she has developed three online education programs.

Kate English

Kate R. English joined Pavese Law Firm in 1994 and became a partner in 2000. Her practice focuses on environmental and land use law, with an emphasis on entitlements for larger properties. She has particular experience in agricultural law, surface water management, water use and private property rights. She also has extensive agricultural experience. Before entering law school, Mrs. English was a field representative for a citrus growers' cooperative in South and Southwest Florida, and she continues to be involved in her family's farming operations. In fact, her family still farms the land in Lee County, Florida, that her great grandfather obtained in 1890. She is descended from a long line of teachers and a believer in lifelong learning as a source of happiness and wellbeing.

Mike Foley

Mike Foley is a veteran newspaper editor and executive now on the faculty of the College of Journalism and Communications at the University of Florida. After nearly 30 years with the Times Publishing Co., which publishes the *Tampa Bay Times* (formerly the *St. Petersburg Times*), the largest daily newspaper in Florida, he joined UF's faculty in August 2003. At the *Times*, he served as executive editor, managing editor, metropolitan editor and city editor. He also worked on the business side of the paper as vice president of Community Relations. He earned a bachelor's degree (with honors) from the University of Florida in 1970 and received his master's in mass communication from UF in 2004.

Joe Glover

Joe Glover has been the University of Florida's Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs since July 2008. Dr. Glover arrived at UF in 1983 as an assistant professor in mathematics. He chaired the Mathematics Department and served as Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Associate Provost for Academic Affairs and as Interim Provost. Dr. Glover received his bachelor's degree in mathematics from Cornell University and his master's and doctoral degrees in mathematics from the University of California, San Diego. His research in probability theory, stochastic processes, and potential theory has been supported by the NSF, the AFOSR, and the NSA.

Mori Hosseini

Morteza "Mori" Hosseini, is vice chairman of the Board of Governors, which governs the State University System of Florida. Hosseini also chairs the Trustee Development and Nominating Committee that interviews, selects and welcomes new university trustees. Hosseini has owned and operated ICI Homes, a home building company headquartered in Daytona Beach, for more than 30 years. He is vice chairman of the Board of Trustees for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, where he received his bachelor of science and master of business administration. He also serves on the Board of Directors for International Speedway Corporation.

Bernie Machen

Bernie Machen has served as the president of the University of Florida since 2004. During his tenure, he has strengthened the university's three core missions of teaching, research and service – while developing a fourth mission of economic development. Milestones under his leadership include growth in annual research funding from \$470 million in 2003-04 to \$644 million in the current fiscal year; completion of UF's \$1.7 billion capital campaign; the 40-acre public-private partnership known as Innovation Square; UF's first major medical research facility outside Gainesville, the UF Research and Academic Center at Lake Nona in Orlando; and the Machen Florida Opportunity Scholars program, enabling the enrollment of more than 2,600 low-income students who are the first in their families to attend college.

Jeanna Mastrodicasa

Dr. Jeanna Mastrodicasa is the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs at the University of Florida, where she works with the budget, assessment, publications, information technology, and the Reitz Scholars Program. She is the co-author of the 2007 book *Connecting to the Net Generation: What Higher Education Professionals Need to Know About Today's Students*, as well as several book chapters and journal articles related to the role of technology in the life of millennial generation. Dr. Mastrodicasa is a frequent presenter about the millennial generation and college student use of technology around the country. She has been with the University of Florida since 1997 and holds a Ph.D. from the University of Florida in higher education administration, a law degree from the University of Georgia, and a Master's degree in college student personnel from the University of Tennessee.

Jack Payne

Jack Payne is the Senior Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Florida. Appointed in June 2010, Payne is the administrative head of the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) which includes the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, a portion of the College of Veterinary Medicine, the School of Natural Resources and Environment, the School of Forest Resources and Conservation, the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station, 13 research and education centers throughout Florida, the Florida Sea Grant Program, and the Florida Cooperative Extension Service with offices in each of the state's 67 counties.

Prior to his arrival at UF, he served as the Vice President for Extension and Outreach at Iowa State University and before that was the Vice President and Dean for University Extension at Utah State. Payne received his M.S. in Aquatic Ecology and his Ph.D. in Wildlife Ecology from Utah State University and is a graduate of the Institute for Educational Management at Harvard University. Jack recently finished his term as Chair of the Policy Board of Directors for the Board on Agriculture Assembly, Association of Public and Land-grant Universities.

Adam Putnam

Adam Putnam has served as the Florida Commissioner of Agriculture since 2011. A fifth-generation Floridian who grew up in the citrus and cattle industry, Putnam has been a champion for Florida agriculture, a leader on some of the toughest issues facing Florida – such as nutrition, energy and water – and a defender of private property rights. Before he was elected Florida Commissioner of Agriculture, Commissioner Putnam served five terms as Congressman for Florida's 12th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. In that role, was recognized as a leader on a variety of issues, including water, energy and government transparency and efficiency. Commissioner Putnam is a UF alumnus who was first elected to the Florida House of Representatives at age 22 and the U.S. House of Representatives at age 26.

Jackson Sasser

President Jackson Sasser has led Santa Fe College to national prominence with the college being named one of the country's top 10 community colleges by the Aspen Institute for its high rates of graduation and workforce placement and other achievements. He is one of the first in the United States to define community colleges as essential to national economic security because they educate knowledge workers necessary for American business and industry to succeed globally. He unfailingly serves students and his community; expanding educational opportunities with online courses and outreach education, and supporting the disadvantaged throughout, as seen by his East Gainesville Initiative, one of his first efforts as president.