

Neoliberalism and Public Higher Education

Julian Samora Research Institute event offers perspectives on forty years of changing landscape, implications, and a look ahead

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EAST LANSING, Mich. – The Julian Samora Research Institute (JSRI) is hosting “**Neoliberalism and Public Higher Education**,” a nationwide conference, on March 27-28 at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center on the East Lansing campus of Michigan State University.

JSRI is one of academia’s most respected voices for interdisciplinary research on Latinos in the Midwest and the U.S.

“This is a critical topic at a critical time. Corporatization of public universities, privatization of public higher education, performance-based budgeting, and rising tuition rates all have implications for working class and minority students, as well as for academic freedom, institutional governance, shared governance, and democracy,” said Rubén O. Martinez, JSRI director.

The event includes a mix of nationally-known and emerging scholars and researchers who will present and participate on panel discussions. Featured keynote presentations include:

- *What Good is Higher Education? How Neoliberalism Constrains Teaching, Research and Outreach* by Lawrence Busch, Michigan State University
- *Private Advantage and New Patterns of Stratification among Public and Private Research Universities: Implications for the Public Good* by Sheila Slaughter, University of Georgia
- *Elitism, Ideology, and Pragmatism: A U.S. Higher Education Perspective* by John V. Lombardi, president emeritus, University of Florida; former chancellor, University of Massachusetts, Amherst; former president, Louisiana State University System

Registration and more information is available at <http://www.jsri.msu.edu/events/neoliberalism-and-public-higher-education-conference>

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NOTE TO MEDIA: Dr. Rubén O. Martinez will be available for comment and interviews at alternative times if media contacts are unable to attend the event.



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