

**PRELIMINARY AGENDA 32nd Annual**



**Student Financial Aid  
Research Network**

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**INDIANAPOLIS, IN / June 11-12, 2015**

**THURSDAY JUNE 11, 2015**

**7:30am Registration and Continental Breakfast**

**8:00 am Welcome**

Colleen O'Brien, Conference Coordinator

**8:15 – 8:45 am**

Trends in Federal and State Support of Postsecondary Education: 1995-96 through 2011-12  
Sean Simone & Gigi Jones, US Department of Education, NCES

**8:45 – 9:30am**

The Costs of College Attendance: Trends, Variation, and Accuracy in Living Cost Allowances  
Robert Kelchen, Seton Hall

How Much Does It Cost? Investigating Perceptions of College Costs  
Laura Horn & Erin Velez, RTI International

**9:30 – 10:15 am**

Net Price: The Canadian Perspective  
Jacqueline M. Lambert, Higher Education Strategy Associates

Impact of Federal Student Loan Limit Increases on College Prices Is Difficult to Discern  
Kristy Kennedy, John Karikari & John Mingus, GAO

**10:15 – 10:45 am Break**

**10:45 – 11:30 am**

Why Don't College Endowments Spend More to Help Students?  
Ken Redd, NACUBO

A Glimpse Inside the Coffers: An Overview of Endowment Spending, Financial Aid Policies,  
and Admissions Decisions at Elite Colleges and Universities  
Meredith Welch & Andrew Nichols, The Education Trust

**11:30am – 12:00 pm**

A Comparison of Student Financial Aid in 6 Countries: Results from the Widening Participation in Higher  
Education Project Case Studies sponsored by the Higher Education Funding Council of England (HEFCE)  
to help inform policymaking in England,  
Margaret Cahalan, Pell Institute for Study of Opportunity in Higher Education

**12:15 – 1:15 pm Lunch**

**1:30 – 2:15 pm**

Student Loan Repayment: The Long View  
Jennie Woo, RTI International

Federal Student Loans: Better Oversight Could Improve Defaulted Loan Rehabilitation  
Jason Palmer, U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO)

**2:15 – 3:15 pm**

Reducing Defaults Through Better Loan Counseling and Financial Literacy  
Jeff Webster, Carla Fletcher, & Chris Fernandez, TG, Charlotte Etier, NASFAA, and Rob LaBreche, iGrad

**3:15 – 3:30 pm Break**

**3:30 – 4:00 pm**

Challenges Facing Financial Aid Programs for Teachers:  
TEACH Grants, Stafford Loan Forgiveness, and Perkins Loan Cancellation Programs  
Justin Dunleavy & John Mingus, GAO

**4:00 – 4:30 pm**

Changing Institutional Sector Representation and Characteristics of Adult Learners across the Great Recession,  
Academic Years 2007 through 2013  
Mark Lafer, Mark Lafer Consulting

**4:30 pm Sessions end for the day**

**5:30 – 7:00 LUMINA / IHEP History of Student Aid Film Presentation, Panel & Discussion**  
**Pell Grant: Building Block of Student-based Aid**  
**Followed by Reception (Held at Lumina Foundation Offices)**

**FRIDAY JUNE 12, 2015**

**7:30am Continental Breakfast**

**8:00 – 8:45am**

Employing Postsecondary Data for Institutions, Consumers, and Policymakers:  
Proposed Improvements and Applications  
Mamie Voight & Jamey Rorison, IHEP, and Jennifer Engle, Gates Foundation

**8:45 – 9:30 am**

Increasing Financial Aid Applications, Pell Grants, and Budgets: Explanations for the Recent Rise  
Erin Velez, RTI International

Pell-eligible Non-applicants: Low-Income Students Who Do Not Complete a FAFSA  
Debbie Cochrane, TICAS

**9:30 – 10:00 am**

Overtaking Under-filing: The Experimental Impacts of Phone Call Interventions on FAFSA Re-filing  
Russell Cannon, University of Wisconsin-Madison / University of Washington Bothell and  
Justin Chase Brown, University of Missouri

**10:00 -10:15 am Break**

**10:15 – 11:15 am**

FAFSA Simplification: Reducing Hurdles to Access, Persistence and Completion  
Nick Lee, Ed Paccetti, & Sarah Bauder, Gates Foundation, Kim Rueben, Urban Institute, and Megan McClean, NASFAA

**11:15 am – 12:00 pm**

The Effectiveness of the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship in Promoting Degree Completion  
Jacob Gross, University of Louisville

Student Loan Debt and Income of Public College Graduates in Kentucky,  
Dmitry Suspitsy, Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education

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Update from NCES on Sample Surveys, IPEDS & Demo of Trendstats  
Sean Simone & Gigi Jones, US. Department of Education, NCES

**2:00 – 2:45 pm**

Improving Student Solutions from Federal Policy Change  
Megan McClean & Charlotte Etier, NASFAA and Andrew Nichols, The Education Trust

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**3:00 – 3:30 pm**

Using Cost-Benefit Analysis& Economic Multiplier Studies to  
Make the Case for College Access &Success Programs,  
Khadish Franklin, Pell Institute for Study of Opportunity in Higher Education

**3:30 – 4:00 pm**

Higher Education: Education Should Strengthen Oversight of Schools and Accreditors  
Ellen Phelps Ranen, Jeff Tessin, & John Mingus, GAO

**4:00 – 4:15 Conference Wrapup**

**Conference Adjourns until 2016!**