



**PROJECT PERICLES**  
**DEBATING FOR DEMOCRACY (D4D) NATIONAL CONFERENCE**  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 22 – FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2012**



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**THURSDAY, MARCH 22**

**Eugene Lang College The New School for Liberal Arts**  
**Theresa Lang Community and Student Center**  
**55 West 13<sup>th</sup> Street (between Fifth and Sixth Avenues), Second Floor**

8:30 AM **Continental Breakfast**

9:00 AM **Welcome and Orientation**

*Eugene M. Lang, Founder and Chair, Project Pericles*  
*David E. Van Zandt, President, The New School*  
*Jan R. Liss, Executive Director, Project Pericles*

9:30 AM **Social Action - Panel Discussion**

*Moderated by Jan R. Liss, Executive Director, Project Pericles*  
*Ami Dar, Founder and Executive Director, Idealist.org*  
*Mark Hanis, Founder, United to End Genocide*  
*Ana M. Polanco, Managing Director of Organizing, Amnesty International USA*  
*Scott Warren, Co-Founder and Executive Director, Generation Citizen*

10:45 AM **Break**

11:00 AM **Social Action Student Workshops**

*With Ami Dar, Mark Hanis, Ana M. Polanco, & Scott Warren*

12:30 PM **Lunch**

1:30 PM **Social Media and Activism - Panel Discussion**

*Moderated by David E. Van Zandt, President, The New School*  
*Craig Calhoun, President, Social Science Research Council (SSRC)*  
*Allison Fine, Senior Fellow, Dēmos*  
*Jeremy Heimans, Co-Founder & CEO, Purpose*

3:00 PM **Break**

**Tishman Auditorium**  
**66 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street (between Fifth and Sixth Avenues)**

3:30 PM **D4D Legislative Hearing**

Legislative Committee:

*Constance Berry Newman, former U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs*  
*Kurt L. Schmoke, former Mayor of Baltimore, MD*  
*Harris L. Wofford, former U.S. Senator (D-PA)*

Letters to an Elected Official:

*Berea College, "A Letter on Controlling Access to Meth Chemicals"*  
*Earlham College, "A Letter in Support of the Budget Control Act"*  
*Hendrix College, "A Letter in Support of a Mandatory Sex Education Curriculum in Arkansas"*  
*Widener University, "A Letter in Support of the Fracturing Responsibility and Awareness of Chemicals (FRAC) Act"*  
*The College of Wooster, "A Letter in Support of the Fair Elections Now Act"*

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**Wollman Hall**  
**65 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street (between Fifth and Sixth Avenues), Fifth Floor**

- 6:00 PM **Dinner and Keynote Address**  
*Welcome, David E. Van Zandt, President, The New School*  
*Introduction, Stephanie P. Browner, Dean, Eugene Lang College The New School for Liberal Arts*  
*Keynote Address, Carol Browner, Former Director of the White House Office of Energy and Climate Change Policy, Obama Administration & Former Administrator of the EPA, Clinton Administration*
- 8:00 PM **Award Ceremony**  
*Presentation of Periclean Service Award to Richard Ekman, President, Council of Independent Colleges, by Eugene M. Lang, Founder & Chair, Project Pericles*  
*Presentation of Award for Letter to an Elected Official by Harris L. Wofford*
- 8:30 PM **Adjourn**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 23**

**Theresa Lang Community and Student Center**  
**55 West 13<sup>th</sup> Street (between Fifth and Sixth Avenues), Second Floor**

- 8:00 AM **Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30 AM **Federal Budget Simulation Game**  
*Presented by Jennifer C. Olmsted, Periclean Faculty Leader, Associate Professor & Chair, Economics Department, Drew University*  
*Garret Batten, Assistant Director, Project Pericles*
- 9:00 AM **Student Workshop: Federal Budget Simulation Game**
- 10:30 AM **Break**
- 10:45 AM **Income Inequality, Regulatory Reform, and Civic Participation - Panel Discussion**  
*Moderated by Stephanie P. Browner, Dean, Eugene Lang College The New School for Liberal Arts*  
*Jeffrey Clements, Author of "Corporations Are Not People"; General Counsel, FreeSpeechForPeople.org*  
*Eli Lederman, Author of "HIGH FINANCE - a Wall Street Novel"*
- 12:15 PM **Break**
- 12:25 PM **The Role of Non-Profits in Our Democracy - Lunchtime Discussion**  
*Moderated by Judy Mejia, Director of Civic Engagement and Social Justice and Project Pericles Program Director, Eugene Lang College The New School for Liberal Arts*  
*Thierry Cazeau, Executive Director, "I Have A Dream" Foundation - NY Metro Area*  
*Sean Gallagher, Assistant Superintendent of Turnaround Public Schools, Democracy Prep Public Schools*  
*Mo George, Public Housing Director, Community Voices Heard*  
*Hanna Griff-Sleven, Director of Family History Center & Cultural Programs, Museum at Eldridge Street/A Landmark Synagogue Story*  
*Danielle Moss Lee, President & CEO, Harlem Educational Activities Fund*  
*Rev. Vivian Nixon, Executive Director, College and Community Fellowship*
- 1:45 PM **Conference Wrap-up**  
*Jan R. Liss, Executive Director, Project Pericles*
- 2:00 PM **Student Visits to Non-Profit Organizations**

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