



New Directors Institute

July 21 – 23, 2024

Chicago, IL

Institute Facilitators:

David Coleman is Professor of History and, for the past nine years, Executive Director of the Honors Program at Eastern Kentucky University. He has served four years as Treasurer of the Southern Regional Honors Council, and has also served on the NCHC's Awards and Grants Committee as well as the Finance Committee. He is an approved NCHC External Reviewer, and has published articles in the Journal of the National Collegiate Honors Council as well as the NCHC monograph series. For the past five years, he has served as a group leader in the "Beginning in Honors" track at the annual NCHC conference. As a faculty member who taught regularly in honors for fourteen years before becoming ECU's lead honors administrator in 2013, he is a passionate advocate for honors students and honors education on his own campus as well as regionally and nationally.

Laurie Smith Law serves as the Administrative Director for the University Honors Program at Iowa State University, working in conjunction with the honors staff and Honors Student Board to provide members of the Honors Program with an enriched academic experience. Reporting units include the First-Year and University Honors Programs, Undergraduate Research, and Prestigious Fellowships and Awards. An NCHC Fellow, she has served on the Board of Directors for the National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC), and as the NCHC Secretary, and co-chaired the NCHC Professional Development Committee. Laurie is the co-founder of the NCHC International Summer Institute for New Honors Director/Deans.

Elaine Torda is professor of English and Chair of Honors and Interdisciplinary Studies on her home campus. She has led the multi-campus honors program at SUNY Orange, a community college in the SUNY system, since 2003. An NCHC Fellow, she is an approved NCHC Program Reviewer, chairs the NCHC Governance Committee, and serves on the Personnel Committee. She served on the NCHC Board from 2011 to 2013 and from 2018-2022, served again in the leadership progression (VP, President, Incoming President/Conference Chair, President and Immediate Past President. She chaired the Two-Year College Committee for ten years, has served on numerous conference planning and ad hoc committees. and has worked with Beginning in Honors, Developing in Honors, Best Honors Administrative Practices, and the NDI.

Pre workshop video – President's welcome

Suggested pre workshop readings:

A Handbook for Honors Administrators. Ada Long. Lincoln: National Collegiate Honors Council, NCHC Monograph in Higher Education (1995).

Beginning in Honors – A Handbook. Samuel Schuman. Lincoln: National Collegiate Honors Council, NCHC Monograph in Higher Education (2006).

The Role of Admissions Practices in Diversifying Honors Populations: A Case Study. Andrea Radasanu, and Gregory Baker, *Honors in Practice*, vol. 17 (2021), pp. 45 – 62.

Honors Enrollment Management: Toward a Theory and Practice of Inclusion Lincoln: Richard Badenhause and James J. Buss, editors. National Collegiate Honors Council (2021)

NCHC Shared Principles

Sunday, July 21:

6:30 pm: Welcome Event

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm: Kick Off Session – (David)

Introductions and Overview

NCHC Shared Principles and Practices

Group activity – What Don't I know?

Homework – Mission and Values Statements – Inclusive Video (Dr. Minh Nguyen)

Monday, July 22:

8:30-9:00 am: Overarching Themes and Ideas (Elaine/Laurie)

(follow-up from the activity previous night)

- NCHC Shared Principles and Practices
- Learning Outcomes
- Keeping an Inclusive Lens

9:00-9:45 am: First Shared Principle: Mission, Vision, Values (Laurie)

- Definitions / Purpose / Language
- Examples
- Strategic Objectives

9:45-11:00 am: Shared Principles Two and Five: Administration and Infrastructure/Resources (Elaine)

- Working with Administration
- Personnel and Budgetary Resources
- Honors as “Third Space” – Partnership building (All)
- Recruitment and Admission
- Articulation
- Faculty /Student Governance
- Honors Advising
- Honors Spaces
- Alumni (Laurie/David)

11:00-11:15 pm: Break

11:15-12:15 pm: Shared Principle Four: Co-Curriculum (David)

- Orientation
- Honors Community

- High Impact Practices within Honors
- Peer Mentoring

12:15 - 1:45pm: Lunch

1:45-4:00 pm: Shared Principle Three: Teaching and Learning (David)

- Typology of Honors Curricula and Courses
- Curricular Requirements
- Modalities
- Honors Faculty
- Contracts
- Assessment

4:00-4:15 pm: Break

4:15-5:00pm: Honors in the 22nd Century: Inclusive Honors

- The changing higher education landscape
- “What do I still need to learn?”
- “Next Steps”

Tuesday, July 23

9:00-11:00am: Sharing Concerns/Reflections/Specific Challenges/Action Plan

11:00-11:15am: Break

11:15-12:30 pm: Action Plan Development and Discussion

12:30-2:00 pm: Lunch

2:00-3:30 pm: Sharing Action Plan Basics and Feedback

3:30-4:00 pm: NCHC Resources and Opportunities

4:00-5:00 pm: Conclusions and Discussion

Evening: After supper, leaders available for individual consultations

Wednesday, July 24

Early morning: Leaders available for individual consultations