

CHARLOTTE W. NEWCOMBE FOUNDATION

Dinner and Conference Information

Overview:

The Charlotte W. Newcombe Foundation and University of Maryland extend a warm invitation to join us in College Park, MD on October 20th and 21st, 2026 for a celebratory dinner and a next-day conference titled, “Reimagining Higher Education in a Changing Landscape.” We are very grateful to University of Maryland for sharing their beautiful campus and facilities!

Please register for dinner, the conference or both through Eventbrite. There is no fee to attend either event as the Charlotte W. Newcombe Foundation and University of Maryland, College Park will be underwriting all costs for Newcombe participants.

Agenda Highlights:

Tuesday, October 20th 6:00PM - 9:00PM

The evening program will begin with a reception at 6:00pm. Dinner and a short program will follow. The event will be held on the second floor of the Adele H. Stamp Student Union in the Colony Ballroom.

Wednesday, October 21st 8:00AM - 4:30PM

Wednesday’s conference will begin on the second floor of the Adele H. Stamp Student Union. Check-in will start at 8:00am outside of the Colony Ballroom. A continental breakfast will also be available beginning at 8:00am, and the conference will officially kick-off with the Presidents' Panel at 8:30am. Lunch will be served mid-day, and the conference will conclude at 4:30pm.

Presidents’ Panel - Morning

- Michelle Anderson, President – Brooklyn College
- Damián Fernández, President – Warren Wilson College
- Wes Fugate, President – Wilson College
- S. David Wu, President – Baruch College

Moderated by:

President Darryll Pines, University of Maryland, College Park & Dr. Gianna Durso-Finley, Charlotte W. Newcombe Foundation

What Is the Purpose of Higher Education? Democracy, Scholarship, and the Public Good - Lunch

- Susan Billmaier, Program Officer – Newcombe Doctoral Fellowship Program
- Andrew Perrin, Newcombe Fellow, SNF-Agora Professor of Sociology, Johns Hopkins University

Rethinking Higher Education in an Age of Artificial Intelligence - Afternoon

Moderated by:

Chris Stubbs, Director of The FDU Center for Artificial Intelligence Institution, Fairleigh Dickinson University

Panel: University of Maryland, College Park

- Hal Daumé, Director of AIM and the Volpi-Cupal Endowed professor of Computer Science and Language Science
- Derek Paley, Willis H. Young Jr. Professor of Aerospace Engineering Education in the Department of Aerospace Engineering and the Institute for Systems Research
- FengFeng Ke, Clark Leadership Chair Professor in the College of Education

Breakout Sessions

Morning and afternoon breakout sessions will address the conference theme from a wide variety of campus perspectives and activities.

A list of all speakers with their [bios and pictures](#) is available on the Newcombe website following the on-line [agenda](#).

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Where on campus are the reception and dinner on Tuesday and conference on Wednesday?

Check-in for both the dinner and conference will take place on the second-floor lobby of the Adele H. Stamp Union outside of the Colony Ballroom. Meals will be provided in the Colony Ballroom. All other session locations are on the 2nd floor of Stamp Union and are listed on the on-line agenda and attendees will be given a hard copy of the agenda at check-in. Staff will be available to direct conference attendees to their specific location.

2. Is there a campus map?

To view PDF of campus map:

[Printable Campus Map](#)

3. What are directions to and from the event?

Directions to campus by car, train, or air:

[Campus Directions](#)

4. Where can I park on campus?

The Newcombe Foundation is pleased to cover on-campus parking fees for the evening of October 20th and all-day during the conference on October 21st. A validation code will be provided prior to all speakers and attendees prior to the conference. The validation code can be used in the Union Lane Garage (adjacent to the Stamp), Regents Drive Garage – visitor parking on the top level only (5-10 min. walk to the Stamp), or Stadium Drive Garage (5-10 min. walk to the Stamp). Hourly parking is \$4/hour with a \$20 daily max. Please select 3 or 4 hours for Tuesday evening, depending on your arrival time, to avoid the Foundation being charged the higher daily rate.

If staying at The Hotel at University of Maryland, it is a .5 mile walk to the Adele H. Stamp Union.

5. What are my options for lodging?

The Hotel at University of Maryland: a block of rooms has been reserved at The Hotel at the University of Maryland in College Park, a AAA Four-Diamond luxury hotel, under Newcombe Foundation Conference. The rate is \$179 exclusive of taxes and includes free internet, 24-hour fitness center, and a 24-hour business center. Self-parking is available for \$16/night. Their direct number is 301-277-7777. The hotel is located at 7777 Baltimore Avenue in College Park, MD. The hotel is located directly across from the main entrance of the University of Maryland. It is a .5 mile walk to the Adele H. Stamp Union.

Click on link for discounted conference rate: [Newcombe Conference Hotel Reservation](#)

Other nearby options: There are many other accommodations in the area. Please call for available rates.

[Accommodations close to UMD campus](#)

6. Is there a fee to attend the dinner and/or the conference?

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7. Do I have to bring my printed ticket to the event?

No need to print registration information.

8. Where can I find speaker information?

A list of dinner and conference speakers with their bios and pictures are available –
<https://newcombefoundation.org/conference-2026-agenda-reimagining-higher-education-in-a-changing-landscape/#speaker-access>

9. Where can I find the agenda and general information about the conference?

Please visit the Charlotte W. Newcombe website at:
<https://newcombefoundation.org/conference-2026-agenda-reimagining-higher-education-in-a-changing-landscape> the latest conference information.

10. How can I contact the organizer with any questions?

If you have any questions, please e-mail Lindsey Bohra, Associate Director of the Newcombe Foundation at lbohra@newcombefoundation.org.