



**Agenda At-A-Glance**  
**State of Illinois' Workforce Equity Initiative (WEI)**  
**WEI Symposium, June 10-11, 2024**  
**Embassy Suites Conference Center, East Peoria**  
*Advancing Workforce Equity in Illinois*

The WEI Symposium is open to registered guests. The Consortium Meeting, on June 10, 12:00 – 4:00 pm, is for representatives from WEI Colleges only. All other events are open to registered guests.

**NOTE:** Draft agenda may be subject to changes.

| Date / Time                        | Session Description  | Embassy Suites Location                              |
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| <b>Monday, June 10</b>             |  |  |
| 11:30 am                           | <b>Registration Desk Opens</b>   |  |
| 12:00 – 4:00 pm                    | <b>WEI Consortium Meeting</b> – closed meeting for WEI colleges<br>12:00 Welcome Lunch<br>12:30 ICCB Updates<br>1:15 Breakout Sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Workforce Equity and Access Commission Work, OCCRL</i></li> <li>- <i>Building Your Professional Skills as an Equity Advocate, ICSPS and ICCB</i></li> <li>- <i>Leadership Roundtable, ICCB</i></li> </ul> 2:30 <b>Keynote Speaker – Matt Sigelman of Burning Glass Institute</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Identifying Illinois' Highest Value Credential Opportunities</i></li> </ul> 4:00 Meeting Adjourns; Social Hour Begins at 4:30 | Ballroom (River E)                                   |
| 4:30 – 6:00 pm                     | <b>WEI Riverfront Social Hour</b><br><i>Open to All Symposium Registrants – Join Your Colleagues at the Grandview Room/Riverfront Patio for a Casual Reception with Appetizers. Restaurant recommendations will be provided for group dinners.</i>   | Grandview Room and Riverfront Patio – Embassy Suites |
| <b>Tuesday, June 11</b>            |  |  |
| 9:00 – 9:30 am                     | <b>Symposium Registration Desk Opens</b><br><b>Coffee, Breakfast Treats &amp; Networking</b>   | Ballroom (River E) & Foyer                           |
| 9:30 – 9:45 am<br>General Session  | <b>Symposium Welcome</b><br><i>Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) and Lumina Foundation</i>   | Ballroom (River E)                                   |
| 9:45 – 10:45 am<br>General Session | <b>Keynote Speaker – Dr. Keith Curry, President/CEO, Compton College and Co-Founder of Equity Avengers</b><br><i>Unapologetic Leadership: Transforming Community Colleges to Meet Workforce Equity Initiatives</i>   | Ballroom (River E)                                   |

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| 11:00 – 11:45 am<br>Concurrent Sessions | <b>4 Concurrent Breakout Sessions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Collaborating with Local Workforce Boards, IWIB</i></li> <li>- <i>JFF's Equity-Focused Employer Engagement Field Guide, Jobs for the Future</i></li> <li>- <i>Integrating Equitable Classroom Strategies, Prairie State College</i></li> <li>- <i>Strategic Ways to Manage Your WEI Grant, South Suburban College</i></li> </ul> | River A, B, CD, JJ |
| 11:45 – 12:30 pm                        | <b>Lunch &amp; Networking</b>  | Ballroom (River E) |
| 12:30 – 1:15 pm<br>General Session      | <b>Lunchtime Address – Advancing Workforce Equity in Illinois</b><br><i>Rep. Jehan Gordon-Booth, Illinois District 92, Speaker Pro Tempore and Chief Budgeteer</i><br><i>Jennifer K. Foster, Deputy Executive Director, Illinois Community College Board</i>   | Ballroom (River E) |
| 1:30 – 2:15 pm<br>Concurrent Sessions   | <b>4 Concurrent Breakout Sessions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Culturally Competent Pedagogy, OCCRL</i></li> <li>- <i>Enhancing Broad Institutional Support for WEI, Heartland Community College</i></li> <li>- <i>Fireside Chat with Dr. Curry for College Presidents/Leadership</i></li> <li>- <i>WEI 101 – Orientation to Grant Requirements, ICCB</i></li> </ul>                            | River A, B, CD, JJ |
| 2:30 – 3:15 pm<br>General Session       | <b>Closing Student Panel with WEI Scholars</b><br>Facilitated by: Purva DeVol, Ph.D., Associate Vice President of Institutional Advancement, Triton College  | Ballroom (River E) |

For registration and hotel information, please visit:

<https://icsps.illinoisstate.edu/events/wei-symposium>

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