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**October 23-25, 2024**

**Austin Community College (Highland Campus)**

**5900 Highland Drive, Austin, TX**

## **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23**

*Building 2000 Lower Paseo*

- 4:00-4:30 pm Registration and Refreshments
- 4:30-4:45 pm Welcome by [Monique Umphrey](#), Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs, [Austin Community College District](#)
- 4:45-5:00 pm Greetings from [Andrew Delbanco](#), President, The Teagle Foundation
- 5:00-6:00 pm On Teaching *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave*: Joshua Bennett in Conversation with Roosevelt Montás
- [Joshua Bennett](#), Distinguished Chair of the Humanities and Professor of Literature, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- [Roosevelt Montás](#), Senior Lecturer in American Studies and English, Columbia University
- 6:00-7:30 pm Welcome Dinner and Community Seminar  
Facilitation by [Kerri Pope](#), Associate Professor of Philosophy, Religion and Humanities and Assistant Department Chair of Special Programs and Curriculum, Austin Community College
- Attendees will have an opportunity to reflect on and discuss Douglass's *Narrative* in small groups with students and faculty from Austin Community College. Please come prepared by reading [chapters 6, 7, 10, and the appendix](#) and by reviewing the [discussion guide](#).

## **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24**

*Building 2000 Presentation Hall*

- 8:00-9:00 am Breakfast in *Building 2000 Lobby*
- 9:00-9:15 am Welcome by [Elizabeth A. Mosser Knight](#), Associate Vice Chancellor of Academic Programs, Austin Community College District



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- 9:15-10:15 am Student Voices: Reflecting on the Impact of the [Great Questions Seminars](#)  
Moderated by [Ted Hadzi-Antich Jr.](#), Associate Professor of Government and Humanities, Austin Community College
- 10:15-10:30 am Coffee Break in *Building 2000 Lobby*
- 10:30-11:30 am On Teaching *The Odyssey*: Emily Wilson in Conversation with Sherry Blum  
  
[Emily Wilson](#), Professor of Classics, University of Pennsylvania [virtual]  
  
[Sherry Blum](#), Professor of Philosophy and Humanities, Austin Community College
- 11:30-1:00 pm Lunch, Campus Tour, and Visit to Campus Art Galleries  
Lunch will be served in the *Building 2000 Lobby*. You have the option to join a tour of the Highland campus led by Austin Community College students starting at 12:00 pm and lasting approximately 45 minutes. You are also welcome to visit the [campus art galleries](#).
- 1:00-2:00 pm Teaching Writing in the Age of AI through Transformative Texts  
Moderated by [Ursula Parker](#), Faculty Director of Integrated Reading and Writing, Austin Community College  
  
[Leonard Cassuto](#) on how to offer students practical guidance for writing that will be read and understood based on his experience as a faculty member at Fordham University and as a contributor to *The Chronicle of Higher Education*  
  
[Melinda Zook](#) on how the [Cornerstone Integrated Liberal Arts](#) program at [Purdue University](#) is supporting faculty to adapt to our new teaching environment
- 2:00-3:00 pm How to Talk Across Difference through Transformative Texts  
Moderated by [Sarah Igo](#), Andrew Jackson Chair in American History, Professor of Law, Political Science, and Sociology, and Dean of Strategic Initiatives, Vanderbilt University  
  
[Rewa Burnham](#) on engaging transformative texts across lines of difference through the “Humanities for Justice” program at [Trinity Washington University](#)  
  
[Emily Stacey](#) on preparing faculty to lead discussion-based study of transformative texts in American political and social thought as a faculty member at Rose State College and as a faculty fellow for [The Great Questions Foundation](#)  
  
[Mark Urista](#) on how the [Liberal Arts Focus Award](#) at [Linn Benton Community College](#) provides students with foundational skills in problem

solving and perspective-taking needed for a rewarding career as well as civic life

- 3:00-3:45 pm      A Musical Treat: One Instrument, Two Traditions  
Performance by [William Fedkenheuer](#) on the Violin and Fiddle  
Refreshments available in *Building 2000 Lobby*
- 3:45-4:45 pm      Reading Together for the Common Good: The Power of General Education  
Moderated by Ian Wilhelm, Deputy Managing Editor, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*
- Ted Hadzi-Antich Jr. on discussion-based general education course offerings as part of the [Great Questions Journey](#) at [Austin Community College](#) and the work underway by [The Great Questions Foundation](#)
- [M. Clay Hooper](#) on rolling out the Human Experience certificate throughout the [Texas A&M University System](#)
- [Tulin Ece Tosun](#) on extending the Cornerstone Integrated Liberal Arts program at Purdue University to its new [business school](#) and new [urban campus](#)
- [Amanda Tucker](#) on scaling the [Helios Program](#) for Integrated Liberal Arts at the [University of Wisconsin-Platteville](#)
- 4:45-5:00 pm      Closing Remarks  
Andrew Delbanco, President, The Teagle Foundation
- 5:30-9:00 pm      Closing Reception and Dinner **[Invited Guests Only]**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25  
OPTIONAL WORKSHOP**

- 9:00-11:00 am      **Seminar Option 1:** “Building Community around Shared Values, Images, and Stories” at the [Blanton Museum of Art](#) and facilitated by [Ray Williams](#), Director of Education and Academic Affairs. Located on the campus of the University of Texas at Austin at 200 E. Martin Luther King Boulevard, Austin, TX 78712.
- Seminar Option 2:** “Teaching with the Archives: Exploring the Papers of Gabriel García Márquez and Julia Alvarez” at the University of Texas at Austin’s [Harry Ransom Center](#) and facilitated by [Julia O’Keefe](#), Instructional Services Coordinator. Located on the campus of the University of Texas at Austin at 300 W. 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Austin, TX 78712.

*Attendees will have the opportunity to tour the public exhibits at their host venue for free after the seminar concludes.*