

Gains and Losses from
**SCHOOL
CONSOLIDATION**
In the Great Plains
April 5 - 6 Kearney, Neb.

SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

FRIDAY: All sessions at the University of Nebraska at Kearney's campus

■ 11:30 a.m. **REGISTRATION OPENS:** Ponderosa Room, Nebraskan Student Union

■ Noon **LUNCHEON:** Ponderosa Room, Nebraskan Student Union

Welcome by Chancellor **Douglas A. Kristensen**

Introduction by **Douglas A. Kristensen**, UNK Dean of Education

"Schooling in the One-Room Schoolhouse"

Stephen Swidler, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

■ 2:00 p.m. **PANEL PRESENTATION:** Ponderosa Room, Nebraskan Student Union

"Gains and Losses from School Consolidation"

Moderator: **John Falconer**, UNK Honors Program

Gary Green, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Virginia Moon, Superintendent, Omaha Public Schools

Andrea Walton Miller, Simmons Olsen Law, Scottsbluff and member of Oglala Lakota Tribe

■ 4:00 p.m. **KEYNOTE PRESENTATION:** UNK Recital Hall

"Rural Schools and Communities at the Intersection of Assumptions and Evidence"

Paul Theobald, Dean of Education, Buena Vista University

■ 5:15-5:45 p.m. Transportation from UNK to MONA available



■ 5:30 p.m. **CHANCELLOR'S RECEPTION:** Museum of Nebraska Art (MONA)

Welcome by Chancellor **Douglas A. Kristensen**

Introduction by **Audrey Kauders**

"Atmosphere for Learning Undistracted"

An exhibition of schoolhouse photographs

Remarks by photographer **Chuck Guildner** at 6:15 p.m.

■ 7:15-7:45 p.m. Transportation from MONA to UNK available

■ 8:00 p.m. **SPECIAL CONCERT:** UNK Recital Hall

The Hutchins Consort

Tickets guarantee you reserved seating

Transportation from UNK to hotels available after concert conclusion

SATURDAY: All sessions at the Younes Conference Center, Kearney

■ 7:30 a.m. **REGISTRATION OPENS:** Lobby

■ 8:15 a.m. **WELCOME AND BREAKFAST:** Crystal Room

Welcome by **Peter Longo**, UNK Political Science

■ 8:30 a.m. **PLENARY SESSION:** Crystal Room

Introduction by **Richard Edwards**, Director, Center for Great Plains Studies

"The Importance of Being Emily: Lessons from Legislative Battles over School Consolidation"

Marty Strange, Sustainable Food System, Green Mountain College

■ 9:30 a.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Ruby Room 6

“Superintendents’ Persepectives on Gains and Losses from Consolidation”

Moderator: **Marjorie Kostelnik**, UNL Dean of Education and Human Sciences

Brian Maher (Kearney Public Schools)

Kyle McGowan (Crete Public Schools)

Lana Sides (Banner County Public Schools)

Mike Teahon (Gothenberg Public Schools)

Ruby Room 7

“The Economics of School Consolidation” Ruby Room 7

Moderator: **Timothy J. Burkink**, UNK Dean of Business and Technology

Eric Thompson, Director, Bureau of Business Research, UNL

Bree Dority, Economics, UNK

Discussant: **Allan Jenkins**, UNK Economics

Session sponsored by the UNK College of Business and Technology, J.A. Baldwin Free Enterprise Lecture Series

Ruby Room 5

“Ensuring Mathematics Learning in Rural Schools Through Investments in Teacher Knowledge”

Jim Lewis, *Ruth Heaton*, *Wendy Smith*, NebraskaMATH project, UNL

Ruby Room 4

“Assuring Effective Rural Education Delivery”

Moderator: **Diane Duffin**, UNK Political Science

Is Online Learning among BSN Student Nurses as Effective as Classroom Learning

Colleen Kennedy, UNMC Nursing

Alternative Teacher Certification: Preserving Nebraska’s Rural Schools

Wendy McCarty, UNK Education

■ 10:45 a.m.

BREAK

■ 11:00 a.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Ruby Room 6

“The Role of the University in Sustaining Rural Schools”

Moderator: **Ronnie Green**, IANR Vice Chancellor

Ronnie Green, *Marjorie Kostelnik*, Dean, Education and Human Sciences, UNL

John Reinhardt, Dean of Dentistry, UNMC

B.J. Reed, Senior Vice Chancellor, UNO

Charlie Bicak, Senior Vice Chancellor, UNK

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Ruby Room 6

“Student Reflections on Consolidated and Unconsolidated Schools”

Moderator: **James Leiker**, Johnson County Community College (Kan.)

Danielle Olson, Albion, Neb., UNK student

Adam Ripp, Pleasanton, Neb., UNK student

Kevin Carder, St. Edward, Neb., UNK student

Ruby Room 4

“School District Demographics and Dynamics”

Moderator: **Christie L. Maloyed**, UNK Political Science

The Demographic Foundation of Education in the Great Plains

Robert Blair, Jerry Deichert, David Drozd, UNO School of Public Administration

Empirical and Normative Indicators: Assessing the Value of Consolidated Schools

Satoshi Machida, Laura Brockhaus, Peter Longo, UNK Political Science

Ruby Room 5

“Challenges and Opportunities of Diversity”

Moderator: **Travis Miller**, Superintendent, Bayard Public Schools

School Consolidation and the Use of Mascots

Claude Louishomme, UNK Political Science

Are Kansas Schools Meeting the Needs of Multicultural Students in Transition?

Robert Bruce Scott, Fort Hays State University, Teacher Education

The ‘New Latino Diaspora’ and School District Consolidation

Edmund T. Hamann, William England, UNL Teaching, Learning and Teacher Education

■ 12:30 p.m.

LUNCHEON: Crystal Room

Introduction by Chancellor **Douglas A. Kristensen**

Nebraska Governor **Dave Heineman**

■ 1:45 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Ruby Room 6

“The Politics of School Consolidation”

Moderator: **Steve Willborn**, UNL Law

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Jon Habben, Executive Director, Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association

Jason Maloy, Oklahoma State University, Political Science

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Ruby Room 7

“Challenges and Opportunities for Rural School Administrators”

Moderator: **Ed Scantling**, UNK Dean of Education

Dean Tickle, Superintendent, Elm Creek Public Schools

Barry McFarland, Assistant Superintendent, Lexington Public Schools

Chris Prososki, Principal, Diller-Odell Schools

Ruby Room 3

“Coaching as a Form of Professional Development to Support Rural Teachers”

Bruce Hayden, Melissa Olsen, Patricia Smith, Pam Wistrand, Brenda Knapp, National Center for Research on Rural Education, UNL

Ruby Room 4

“Economic and Political Dimensions of Consolidation”

Moderator: **Claude Louishomme**, UNK Political Science

Agricultural Real Estate Values and Rural School Consolidations

Lucas Swartzendruber, Vice President, Geneva State Bank

Change and Sustainability in a Rural Kansas Town: The Role of Public Schools

Eric Freeman, Wichita State University, Education

The Political Economy of School Consolidation in North Dakota

Nicholas Bauroth, Criminal Justice and Political Science, North Dakota State University

Ruby Room 5

“Rural Schools and Rural Values”

Moderator: **Joan Blauwkamp**, UNK Political Science

Rural Values and Academic Expectations: A Cultural Mismatch?

Richard Miller, UNK Psychology

Civic Virtue in the Boondocks: A Communitarian Defense of Rural Education and Values

Christie L. Maloyed, UNK Political Science

J. Kelton Williams, Education, Knox College

■ 3:00 p.m.

WINE, CHEESE AND CONVERSATION: Crystal Ballroom

■ 3:30 p.m.

CONCLUDING CONVERSATION: Crystal Ballroom

Moderator: **J.B. Milliken**, President, University of Nebraska

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Roger Breed, Nebraska State Education Commissioner

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