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
SATURDAY: All sessions at the Younes Conference Center, Kearney

7:30 a.m.  REGISTRATION OPENS: Lobby
Welcome by Chancellor Douglas A. Kristensen
Introduction by Audrey Kauders

8:00 p.m.  SPECIAL CONCERT: UNK Recital Hall
The Hutchins Consort
Tickets guarantee you reserved seating
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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

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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’ Perspectives 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
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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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**“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

**“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

**“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**

**“The Politics of School Consolidation”**

Moderator: Steve Willborn, UNL Law

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“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

“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

“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

“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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