

# NAUGATUCK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

presents a half day, system-wide colloquium

## The Role of the Liberal Arts in Higher Education and Democracy

Sponsored by NVCC's Faculty Senate and the Office of Academic Affairs

**Friday, April 22, 2016**

The Ruth Ann Leever Atrium  
Fine Arts Center | 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Naugatuck Valley Community College  
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### Program Schedule:

8 AM - Arrival and Continental Breakfast

9 AM - Welcoming Remarks

9:15 AM - Keynote Address:

**President Michael S. Roth**, Wesleyan University,  
Author of *Beyond the University: Why Liberal Education Matters*

10:45 AM - Concurrent Sessions

Presenters:

**Jon Brammer**

Contemplative Pedagogy: Embedding Humanity in the Classroom

**Bernie Fitzpatrick**

Donald Trump and the End of the Civil Society

**Jane Fried, Ph.D., Of Education**

Fishbowls and Rabbit Holes: Rethinking Teaching and Liberal Education for an  
Interconnected World

**Richard Gerber, Ph.D.**

Enlarging History: The Historical Studies Curriculum at Charter Oak State College

12:00 PM - Concurrent Sessions

Presenters:

**Rose-Mary Rodrigues** and **Robert Sheftel**

Leading with Love in the Liberal Arts: The Democratic Role of Academic Support Centers

**Toni Ryan, Ph.D.**

Humanitas: Using the Liberal Arts for Liberation in Educational Leadership Degree  
Programs

**Chester Schnepf**

Provoking Thought: Personal Stories in the Classroom

**Rick Walker**

A Practical Strategy for Epistemological Engagement of Non-Traditional Learners in an  
Intensive, Required, Online Writing and College Research Class