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 HLS Project on Disability

***Disability and Equity @ Work:
The Power of Policy, Myth and Practice from Higher Education to Employment***

**October 7th, 2016**

**Gutman Conference Center
6 Apian Way, Cambridge, MA 02138**

Co-sponsored by the

Harvard Graduate School of Education Access and Disability Services, OSA, the Harvard Law School Project on Disability, and the New England Higher Education Recruitment Consortium (HERC)

**Agenda**

**8:30 - 9:00 am Registration and Breakfast**

 **Gutman Conference Center**

**9:00 - 9:05 am Welcome from the conference tri-chair Committee**

**Eileen Berger, Harvard Graduate School of Education Access and Disability Services, Michael Ashley Stein, Harvard Law School Project On Disability, and Ruth Molina, New England Higher Education Recruitment Consortium (HERC)**

**9:05 - 9:15 am Welcome Lisa Coleman, Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion Harvard University**

**Disability and Equity at Work I**

**9:15 - 9:45 am Professor Michael Stein, Ph.D., J.D. Harvard Law School Visiting Professor**

Human rights and equity perspective for people with disabilities. How inclusive policies benefit diverse organizations and gain essential talents of people with disabilities.

**Disability and Equity at Work II**

**9:45 - 10:15 am Professor Thomas Hehir Harvard Graduate School of Education**

“How do you get there?’ Elements of academic and professional success for people with disabilities.

**10:15 - 10:30 am Q&A with Stein and Hehir**

**10:30 - 11:00 am Coffee Break and Book Signing**

**Book Signing**

Books by presenters:

Michael Stein, Jonathan Lazar, Thomas Hehir, Bill Henderson, Ron Suskind.

**Vendor Tables, Commercial and non-profit vendors**

**11:00 am - 12:15 pm The Power of Personal Narrative, Askwith Hall** Professionals with disabilities discuss their experiences bridging education and employment.

**Moderators:** Professor Thomas Hehir, Michael Stein, J.D., Ph.D.

**Panelists:**

Cheri Blauwat, M.D.

Todd Grindal, Ed.D.

Bill Henderson, Ed.D.

Michael Muhue, Ex Dir. Disability Commission, Cambridge

Cui Fengming, Ph.D.

Eric Shed, Ph.D.

**12:15 - 1:00 pm Lunch
Attendees return to Gutman Conference Center for a short break and box lunch.**

**1:00 - 1:45 pm Carol Glazer, President of the National Organization on Disability – Keynote Speaker**

Strategies to support employer driven initiatives to recruit and retain employees with disabilities. The work of the National Organization on Disability.

**1:45 - 2:15 pm Katherine Petkauskos, Director of Work Without Limits, UMASS Amherst Medical School**

Organizational highlights of WorkWithout Limits. Strategies and resources for success.

**2:15 - 2:30 pm Afternoon Break**

**2:30 - 3:30 pm Professor Jonathan Lazar**

Access technologies at work. Strategies and solutions that make work environments accessible and sustain employment for People with disabilities.

**3:30 - 4:00 pm Conference Wrap up with Professors Michael Stein, HLS, and Tom Hehir, HGSE**

**4:00 - 5:00 pm Networking Reception**

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***For additional information, please visit:***

**Harvard Graduate School of Education Access and Disability Services**

<http://www.gse.harvard.edu/osa/access-and-disability-services>

**Harvard Law School Project on Disability**

<http://www.hpod.org>

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<http://www.newenglandherc.org>