

ATHENA ROUNDTABLE
**Ripe for Reform: American Higher Education and
What We Can Do About It**

- 8:30 – 9:00 am** **Continental Breakfast**
- 9:00 am** **Opening Remarks**
Anne Neal, president, American Council of Trustees and Alumni
- 9:15 – 10:30 am** **Panel 1: Whither Harvard, Whither Higher Ed?**
Moderator: Martin Peretz, editor-in-chief, *New Republic*; member ACTA National Council
Harry Lewis, former dean and professor of computer science, Harvard University; author, *Excellence without a Soul*
Ross Douthat, author, *Privilege*; contributor, *The Atlantic*; and Harvard alumnus
Stephan Thernstrom, professor of history, Harvard University
Questions and Answers
- 10:30 – 11:15 am** **Panel 2: The Challenge of Strong Leadership**
Moderator: Justin Pope, AP national education reporter
Stephen Joel Trachtenberg, president, George Washington University
Questions and Answers
- 11:15 – 11:30 am** **BREAK**
- 11:30 – 12:30 pm** **Panel 3: Governing the Modern University**
Moderator: Peter Alcock, member, Massachusetts Board of Education; member, Institute for Effective Governance Advisory Board
Candace de Russy, trustee, State University of New York
Jack Ackerly, former rector, University of Virginia
William Robertson, alumnus and philanthropist, Princeton University
Questions and Answers
- 12:30 – 1:15 pm** **LUNCH**
- 1:30 – 2:45 pm** **Panel 4: Examining Academic Freedom and Intellectual Diversity**
Moderator: Jerry Martin, chairman, ACTA
John Wilson, author, *The Myth of Political Correctness*
Mark Bauerlein, professor of English, Emory University
Alan Dershowitz, professor of law, Harvard Law School
Questions and Answers

2:45 – 3:45 pm

Panel 5: The Way Forward

Moderator: Judith Richards Hope, former member of the Corporation, Harvard University

Mel Bernstein, chairman, ACTA-New England; author, *Universities and the Military*

Hunter Brown, Hamilton College alumnus

Bob Paquette, professor of history and founder Alexander Hamilton Center, Hamilton College

Joe Malchow, student, Dartmouth College

3:45 pm

Call to Action

Anne Neal

7:00 pm

Philip Merrill Awards Dinner, The Chilton Club, 287 Dartmouth Street, Boston

Recipient: Harvey Mansfield, professor of government, Harvard University