

## ILLINOIS AAUP FALL CONFERENCE

**Saturday, November 16, 2024**

**William Rainey Harper College • Palatine, Illinois**

**Conference Theme: Protecting Academic Freedom and Shared Governance  
through Faculty, Unity, and Engagement**

8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.

Board Meeting – Coffee and Rolls – Room H 193

9:00 A.M. – 9:15 A.M.

Welcome – Michael Harkins, Conference President – H 194

9:15 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.

Session I – Room H 194 – Legislative Update:

- Funding Higher Education in Illinois – A Critical View
- The Impact of Dual Credit – A Status Report

Troy Swanson, Local 1600 Cook County College Teachers Union, Legislative Chair and Library Department Chair, Moraine Valley Community College, Palos Hts., Illinois

Ribhi Salhi, Ph.D., Political Science Faculty Business and Social Science Division, Harper College, Palatine, IL

10:00 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

Break: Coffee, Tea and Rolls – Room H 193

10:15 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

Session II – Room H 194 – Panel Discussion:

“Attacks on Academic Freedom: An Illinois Perspective”

Diana Vallera, Professor of Photography, Columbia College, Chicago, Illinois

Steve Macek, Professor and Chair, Communication and Media Studies, North Central College, Naperville, Illinois

Robert Allare, Professor of History, Harper College, Palatine, Illinois

Jacqueline Battalora, Ph.D., J.D. Professor of Sociology and Criminal Justice, Saint Xavier University, Chicago, Illinois

11:15 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Session III – Room H 194:

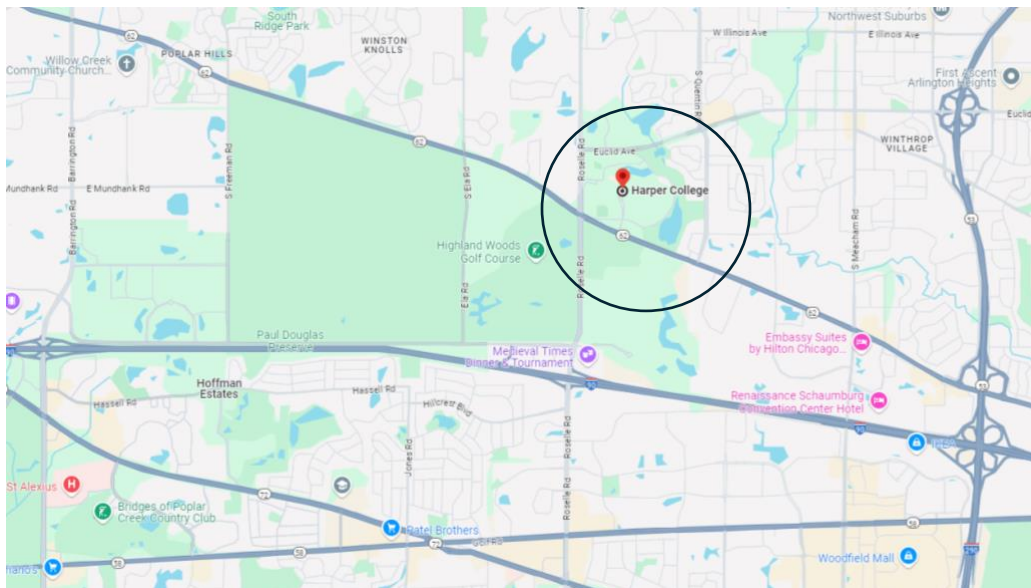
“Resisting Attacks on Academic Freedom”

Valerie C. Johnson, Associate Professor, Political Science,  
DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois

12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Lunch provided and discussion – Room H 193

**The Conference will be held in the “H” Building at Harper College  
in Rooms H 193 and H 194**



**Registration:** To attend, please contact the Secretary of the Illinois Conference, Diana Vallera at [diana@studioera2.com](mailto:diana@studioera2.com) by Monday, November 11, 2024.

The first twenty-five to register and attend will receive a copy of Valerie C. Johnson’s new book: The Right to Learn: Resisting the Right-Wing Attack on Academic Freedom

The Conference is open to all educators in Illinois. There is no charge to attend.

Building H is located on the East side of the College on the ring road.

Parking is available in Lot 6.

Enter the H building by way of the parking area – Lot 6

