

# KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 8 A.M. – 10 A.M.

## Opening General Session Breakfast

**Hilary Pennington** is the Director of Special Initiatives, U.S. Programs, at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Pennington leads a new effort to focus on one-time opportunities and respond to unique challenges and unanticipated events in the U.S. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has an endowment of over \$37 billion. Pennington previously served as a Senior Fellow at the progressive think tank the Center for American Progress and vice-chair of Jobs for the Future (JFF), a research and policy development organization she co-founded.



**Hilary Pennington**  
DIRECTOR, SPECIAL  
INITIATIVES, BILL & MELINDA  
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, NOON – 2 P.M.

## General Session Luncheon

**Alison R. Bernstein** has served as Vice President of the Knowledge, Creativity and Freedom Program since 1996 for the Ford Foundation. Bernstein provides leadership for the Foundation’s work in the U.S and internationally in the fields of education and scholarship, arts and culture, media, religion and sexuality. She co-authored “Melting Pots and Rainbow Nations: Conversations about Difference in the United States and South Africa in 2002.” Bernstein is recognized as an authority on issues related to students transferring from community colleges to four-year institutions, access to higher education for women and minorities, diversity on campus, and the impact of women’s studies. She served on the Board of Trustees of Vassar College and currently serves as a trustee at Bates College.



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Joining Bernstein will be **Gregory M. Anderson**, Higher Education Policy Program Officer for the Ford Foundation. Anderson oversees activities involving research on access, equity, and affordability in the U.S., and is responsible for the Institute for International Education’s Fellowship Program.



**Gregory M. Anderson**  
HIGHER EDUCATION  
POLICY PROGRAM OFFICER,  
FORD FOUNDATION

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 10:15 A.M. – 12:15 P.M.

## Closing General Session Brunch

**Philip A. Berry** serves as the Vice President for Global Workplace Initiatives and Corporate Officer for Colgate-Palmolive Corporation, a \$12 billion global consumer corporation. Berry leads the Colgate-Palmolive Corporation’s effort to attract, develop and retain a diverse workforce and is responsible for developing and implementing global diversity and inclusion strategies. Berry is a graduate of The City University of New York’s Borough of Manhattan Community College, and currently serves as Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees at The City University of New York.



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