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Cornell Higher Education Research Institute (CHERI)  
Policy Research Conference  
**THE COMPLEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
(Cornell University, Ithaca NY – October 13, 14, 2002)

(Cosponsored by the Cornell Institute for Community College Development and  
the Office of Institutional Research and Analysis of the SUNY Central Administration)

**Monday - October 13, 2002**

**Welcome** (1:00pm) – Ronald G. Ehrenberg (Director, CHERI)

**Session A** (1:00pm- 2:00pm): **The Complex Roles of Two-Year Colleges**

“Evaluating the Variety of Educational Services Offered by California’s  
Community Colleges” - Andrew Gill (California State University - Fullerton) and  
Duane Leigh (Washington State University)

**Session B:** (2:00pm-5:00pm) - **The Transition from Two-Year to Four-Year Colleges**

“Within State Transitions from Two-Year to Four-Year Public Institutions” –  
Ronald G. Ehrenberg (Cornell University) and Christopher Smith (Cornell  
University)

(10 minute break)

“Can Two-Year College Attendance Lead to Enrollment and Degree Completion  
at More Selective Four-Year Colleges” – Michael Hilmer (Virginia Polytech),  
Dan Goldhaber (University of Washington) and Eric Eide (Rand Corporation)

Optimal Transfer Times: Institutional and Student Perspectives”- Andrew Nutting  
(Cornell University)

**Reception and Dinner** (6:00pm – 9:00pm)

**Dinner Speaker:** Clifford Adelman (U.S Department of Education) – “The Transitional  
Institution: The Community College in the Lives of Traditional Age Students” (invited)

## **Tuesday – October 14, 2002**

**Continental Breakfast** (8:00am – 8:30am)

**Session C: Remedial Education and Training Displaced Workers** (8:30am – 10:15am)

“The Plight of Under Prepared Students in Higher Education: The Role and Effects of Remedial Education in Two-Year Colleges”- Eric Bettinger (Case Western Reserve University) and Bridget Long (Harvard University)

“Teaching Old Dogs New Tricks: Community College Training for Displaced Workers”- Daniel Sullivan (Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago), Robert Lalonde (University of Chicago) and Louis Jacobson (Westat Inc.)

**Break** (10:15am – 10:30am)

**Session D: Financing Two-Year Colleges and Two-Year College Attendance** (10:30am – 12:15pm)

“Intra-State Variation in Community College Expenditures: The Role of Local Financing” – Alicia Dowd (University of Massachusetts- Boston) and John Grant (Cape Cod Community College)

“Financing Community Colleges Across the States: An Economic Perspective” – Richard Romano (Broome Community College) and Elizabeth Grigoriu (Cornell University)

“What’s Happened to the Affordability of Two-Year Colleges” – Amy Schwartz (New York University) and Ben Scafidi (Georgia State University)

Discussants: Jane Wellman (Institute for Higher Education Policy)

**Lunch** (12:30pm – 2:00pm)

**Lunch Speaker:** F. King Alexander (President Murray State University) - "Do Federal Financial Aid Policies Short Change Two-Year Colleges?"

**Concluding Remarks** John Porter (Associate Provost, SUNY System)