Cornell Higher Education Research Institute (CHERI)
Policy Research Conference

THE COMPLEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE
(Cornell University, Ithaca NY – October 13, 14, 2002)

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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)
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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)