



**CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS**

**SUMMIT ON INEQUALITY AND
THE CRISIS OF PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION**
**Professors, students, legislators speak out on student debt, de-funding public higher
education**

NEW BRITAIN, Conn., (Feb. 10, 2016) – Inequality has come to define Connecticut and today Connecticut State University professors are bringing thought leaders, students, legislators and community activists together to address this issue and more at a Summit on Inequality and the Crisis of Public Higher Education.

The summit is being held at Central Connecticut State University today from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and will be streamed live to Eastern Connecticut State University, Southern Connecticut State University and Western Connecticut State University.

Discussions on increasing inequality, the rising cost of public higher education and what that means for the future of Connecticut and our democracy will be the focus of panel discussions throughout the day.

Lori Pelletier, AFL-CIO president will give opening remarks at 9:30 a.m. Bill Fletcher, Jr. of the TransAfrica Forum and the Institute for Policy Studies will deliver the keynote address is at 12:15 p.m. Students and alumni will hold a panel discussion at 1:40 p.m. on their experiences with student debt and concerns about rising inequality. Coming on the heels of one of the most austere state budget proposals seen in recent times, these issues are timely and will impact entire generations of Connecticut residents.

- WHAT:** Summit on Inequality and the Crisis of Public Higher Education
- WHEN:** Feb. 10, 2016, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- WHO:** Organized by Connecticut State University American Association of University Professors and attended by general public, faculty and students at the four Connecticut State Universities, community leaders, activists, legislators
- WHERE:** Central Connecticut State University Memorial Hall's Constitution Room and live streamed to Eastern Connecticut State University, Southern Connecticut State University and Western Connecticut State University
- WHY:** To address rising inequality and the impacts of de-funding public higher education. To unite efforts and organize around ways to move forward and make positive change.

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