

Gains and Losses from  
**SCHOOL  
CONSOLIDATION**

**In the Great Plains**

**April 5 - 6 Kearney, Neb.**

## SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

**FRIDAY: All sessions at the University of Nebraska at Kearney's campus**

- 11:30 a.m.      **REGISTRATION OPENS:** Ponderosa Room, Nebraskan Student Union
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- Noon              **LUNCHEON:** Ponderosa Room, Nebraskan Student Union
- Welcome by Chancellor [Douglas A. Kristensen](#)
- Introduction by [Ed Scantling](#), UNK Dean of Education
- “Schooling in the One-Room Schoolhouse”**  
*Stephen Swidler, UNL Teaching, Learning and Teacher Education*
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- 2:00 p.m.        **PANEL PRESENTATION:** Ponderosa Room, Nebraskan Student Union
- “Gains and Losses from School Consolidation”**
- Moderator: [John Falconer](#), UNK Honors Program
- Gary Green, University of Wisconsin-Madison*  
*Virginia Moon, Superintendent, Omaha Public Schools*  
*Andrea Walton Miller, Simmons Olsen Law, Scottsbluff and member of Oglala Lakota Tribe*
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- 4:00 p.m.        **KEYNOTE PRESENTATION:** UNK Recital Hall
- “Rural Schools and Communities at the Intersection of Assumptions and Evidence”**
- Paul Theobald, Dean of Education, Buena Vista University*
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- 5:15-5:45 p.m.    Transportation from UNK to MONA available



■ 5:30 p.m.      **CHANCELLOR’S RECEPTION:** Museum of Nebraska Art (MONA)

Welcome by Chancellor **Douglas A. Kristensen**

Introduction by **Audrey Kauders**, UNK, Director, MONA

**“Atmosphere for Learning Undistracted”**

*An exhibition of schoolhouse photographs*

Remarks by photographer **Chuck Guildner** at 6:15 p.m.

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■ 7:15-7:45 p.m.      Transportation from MONA to UNK available

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■ 8:00 p.m.      **SPECIAL CONCERT:** UNK Recital Hall

**The Hutchins Consort**

*The concert is open to the public without a ticket;*

*A ticket guarantees you seating in the reserved area*

Transportation from UNK to hotels available after concert conclusion

## **SATURDAY: All sessions at the Younes Conference Center, Kearney**

■ 7:30 a.m.      **REGISTRATION OPENS:** Lobby

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■ 8:15 a.m.      **WELCOME AND BREAKFAST:** Crystal Room

Welcome by **Peter Longo**, UNK Political Science

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■ 8:30 a.m.      **PLENARY SESSION:** Crystal Room

Introduction by **Richard Edwards**, Director, Center for Great Plains Studies

**“The Importance of Being Emily: Lessons from Legislative Battles over School Consolidation”**

*Marty Strange, Sustainable Food System, Green Mountain College*

■ 9:30 a.m.

## CONCURRENT SESSIONS

### Ruby Room 6

#### “Superintendents’ Perspectives on Gains and Losses from Consolidation”

Moderator: **Marjorie Kostelnik**, UNL Dean of Education and Human Sciences

*Brian Maher (Kearney Public Schools)*

*Kyle McGowan (Crete Public Schools)*

*Lana Sides (Banner County Public Schools)*

*Mike Teahon (Gothenberg Public Schools)*

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### Ruby Room 7

#### “The Economics of School Consolidation” Ruby Room 7

Moderator: **Timothy J. Burkink**, UNK Dean of Business and Technology

*Eric Thompson, Director, UNL Bureau of Business Research*

*Bree Dority, UNK Economics*

*Discussant: Allan Jenkins, UNK Economics*

*Session sponsored by the UNK College of Business and Technology, J.A. Baldwin Free Enterprise Lecture Series*

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### Ruby Room 5

#### “Ensuring Mathematics Learning in Rural Schools Through Investments in Teacher Knowledge”

*Jim Lewis, Ruth Heaton, Wendy Smith, NebraskaMATH project, UNL*

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### Ruby Room 4

#### “Assuring Effective Rural Education Delivery”

Moderator: **Diane Duffin**, UNK Political Science

Is Online Learning among BSN Student Nurses as Effective as Classroom Learning

*Colleen Kennedy, UNMC Nursing*

Alternative Teacher Certification: Preserving Nebraska’s Rural Schools

*Wendy McCarty, UNK Education*

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■ 10:45 a.m.

## BREAK

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■ 11:00 a.m.

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### Ruby Room 6

#### “The Role of the University in Sustaining Rural Schools”

Moderator: **Ronnie Green**, UNL IANR Vice Chancellor

*Ronnie Green, Marjorie Kostelnik, Dean, Education and Human Sciences, UNL*

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*Charlie Bicak, UNK, Senior Vice Chancellor*

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**Ruby Room 7**

**“Student Reflections on Consolidated and Unconsolidated Schools”**

Moderator: **James Leiker**, Johnson County Community College (Kan.)

*Danielle Olson, Albion, Neb., UNK student*

*Adam Ripp, Pleasanton, Neb., UNK student*

*Kevin Carder, St. Edward, Neb., UNK student*

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**Ruby Room 4**

**“School District Demographics and Dynamics”**

Moderator: **Christie L. Maloyed**, UNK Political Science

The Demographic Foundation of Education in the Great Plains

*Robert Blair, Jerry Deichert, David Drozd, UNO School of Public Administration*

Empirical and Normative Indicators: Assessing the Value of Consolidated Schools

*Satoshi Machida, Laura Brockhaus, Peter Longo, UNK Political Science*

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**Ruby Room 5**

**“Challenges and Opportunities of Diversity”**

Moderator: **Travis Miller**, Superintendent, Bayard Public Schools

School Consolidation and the Use of Mascots

*Claude Louishomme, UNK Political Science*

Are Kansas Schools Meeting the Needs of Multicultural Students in Transition?

*Robert Bruce Scott, Fort Hays State University, Teacher Education*

The ‘New Latino Diaspora’ and School District Consolidation

*Edmund T. Hamann, William England, UNL Teaching, Learning and Teacher Education*

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■ 12:30 p.m.

**LUNCHEON: Crystal Room**

Introduction by Chancellor **Douglas A. Kristensen**

*Nebraska Governor Dave Heineman*

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■ 1:45 p.m.

**CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

**Ruby Room 6**

**“The Politics of School Consolidation”**

Moderator: **Steve Willborn**, UNL Law

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*Herb Schimek, Past Government Relations Director, NSEA*

*Jon Habben, Executive Director, Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association*

*Jason Maloy, Oklahoma State University, Political Science*

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**Ruby Room 7**

**“Challenges and Opportunities for Rural School Administrators”**

Moderator: **Ed Scantling**, UNK Dean of Education

*Dean Tickle, Superintendent, Elm Creek Public Schools*

*Barry McFarland, Assistant Superintendent, Lexington Public Schools*

*Chris Prosocki, Principal, Diller-Odell Schools*

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**Ruby Room 3**

**“Coaching as a Form of Professional Development to Support Rural Teachers”**

*Bruce Hayden, Melissa Olsen, Patricia Smith, Pam Wistrand, Brenda Knapp,  
UNL National Center for Research on Rural Education*

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**Ruby Room 4**

**“Economic and Political Dimensions of Consolidation”**

Moderator: **Claude Louishomme**, UNK Political Science

Agricultural Real Estate Values and Rural School Consolidations

*Lucas Swartzendruber, Vice President, Geneva State Bank*

Change and Sustainability in a Rural Kansas Town: The Role of Public Schools

*Eric Freeman, Wichita State University, Education*

The Political Economy of School Consolidation in North Dakota

*Nicholas Bauroth, Criminal Justice and Political Science, North Dakota State University*

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**Ruby Room 5**

**“Rural Schools and Rural Values”**

Moderator: **Joan Blauwkamp**, UNK Political Science

Rural Values and Academic Expectations: A Cultural Mismatch?

*Richard Miller, UNK Psychology*

Civic Virtue in the Boondocks: A Defense of Rural Education and Values

*Christie L. Maloyed, UNK Political Science*

*J. Kelton Williams, Education, Knox College*

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■ 3:00 p.m.

**WINE, CHEESE AND CONVERSATION:** Crystal Ballroom

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■ 3:30 p.m.

**CONCLUDING CONVERSATION:** Crystal Ballroom

Moderator: **J.B. Milliken**, President, University of Nebraska

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