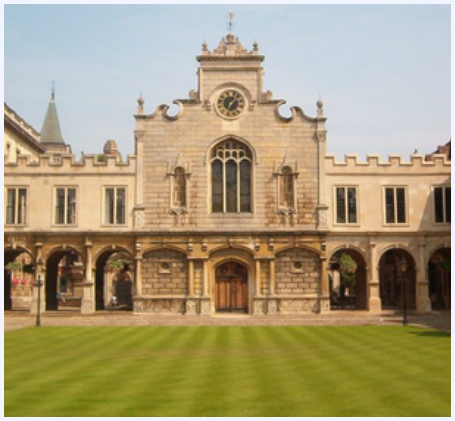
FALL 2025

RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE SOCIETY

'Dwelling together, let us learn'



REGISTER NOW FOR THE 2025 RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE SYMPOSIUM

OCTOBER 29-31 | TUSCALOOSA, AL

THE ART OF LIVING: LIVING, LEARNING, & LIBERAL EDUCATION

Join us for the 12th Annual Residential College Symposium, hosted by **The Blount Scholars Program at the University of Alabama**.

The focus of this year's conference is the notion of living a life at the intersection of residential learning and liberal education. Each in its way is concerned to expand the idea of students making a living beyond simply earning money or having a career. In their emphasis on living with others as both the means and end of education, residential colleges and liberal arts curricula alike situate the pursuit of knowledge with respect to the broader participation in society of which employment is only a part. Thus, in the face of the increasing tendency to reduce undergraduate study to career preparation alone, both residential learning and the liberal arts attempt to restore a sense of holism to the project of education, insisting upon its connections to all elements of living a life.

The conference will host scholars, teachers, and student affairs personnel from across the country to fulfill the symposium's traditional mission of extending learning networks and sharing knowledge about all facets of the residential college experience. In addition, we hope to attract scholarship that examines the vision of liberal education in order to extend the notion of "making a living" beyond simply preparing for a career to preparing for all aspects of living a life with others.

REGISTRATION RATES

RATE TYPE	EARLY BIRD (BEFORE 9/5)	REGULAR RATE (BEGINNING 9/5)
REGULAR	$300	$375
STUDENT	$250	$300

For more information, visit **residentialcollegesociety.org**

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Symposium Schedule At-a-Glance

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Check-In
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Opening Reception

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

7:30 a.m.	Breakfast
8:00 - 11:50 a.m.	Concurrent Sessions & Opening Keynote
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:30 - 1:50 p.m.	RCS Awards Presentation
2:00 - 4:50 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions
5:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Reception

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

7:30 a.m.	Breakfast
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Panels & Keynote
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 - 4:15 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions & Panels

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Visit the symposium website for additional information and advice on getting to Tuscaloosa.

If you need assistance getting to campus, call 205-348-1706 or email bsp@ua.edu.

TRAVEL & ACCOMODATIONS

VENUE
Conference sessions will take place at the **Bryant Conference Center** on the University of Alabama campus (240 Paul W. Bryant Dr., Tuscaloosa, AL 35401).

TRAVEL
The most convenient airport is **Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport (BHM)**, located approximately 52 miles northeast of Tuscaloosa.

- Conference Shuttle service will be provided from BHM to Hotel Capstone at 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. on October 29. A return route will be offered at 1:00 p.m. and 4:45 p.m. on October 31.
- Rideshare: Both Uber and Lyft operate at BHM and in Tuscaloosa.

ACCOMMODATIONS
The **Hotel Capstone** is adjacent to the Bryant Conference Center. The symposium rate is $134 per night.

The **Hotel Indigo** is located in downtown Tuscaloosa, approximately 2.2 miles from the Bryant Conference Center. The symposium rate is $119-129 per night. The last day to book the conference block is September 29.

RCS AWARDS NOMINATIONS
DUE BY SEPTEMBER 8

The Residential College Society offers annual awards sponsored by VMDO Architects based on submissions. We offer a diverse range of awards geared toward students, faculty, staff and wider college systems. Awards will be presented at the annual symposium. RCS welcomes nominationes of any person, entity or program associated with residential colleges. The leadership team will make determinations about which awards to grant based on the nominations submitted in a given year.

ELIGIBILITY FOR AWARDS

The awards are intentionally broad to capture the diversity of the individuals, programs and entities represented across institutions and residential college systems. Consider nominating:

- An exceptional staff member who contributed uniquely to a residential college system
- A faculty member whose research explores the role of residential colleges on student outcomes
- A residential college system that exemplifies the mission of integrating academics into students' lives
- A specific program or initiative, housed within a residential college, that had a major impact at your institution
- An exceptional campus or external partner who facilitated your institution's commitment to fostering residential education

NOMINATIONS

In the nomination, provide a detailed rationale for why the nominee (e.g., individual, program, partnership or residential college) is deserving of an award. Describe the scope, significance and impact of their contributions or achievements. Consider highlighting innovation, collaboration, sustainability, leadership, research and/or outcomes as appropriate. Be specific and provide examples or evidence to support the nomination.
Suggested length: 250-400 words.

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Symposium Keynote Speakers



JULIE REUBEN

Charles Warren Professor of the History of American Education | Harvard University

Reuben is an historian of American higher education and the development of the modern research university, the re-orientation of American higher education to focus on strengthening democracy in the middle of the twentieth century, and the impact of student activism in the 1960s.



ROOSEVELT MONTÁS

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Montás is the founding director of Bard's Chang Chavkin Center for Liberal Education and Civic Life. His research and teaching focus on the importance of liberal education and the study of great books to prepare students for lives of purpose and to promote the formation of citizens for a democratic society.

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