



AEN Second National Conference May 15-17, 2017

Keynotes to be offered by Geoffrey Stone, Einat Wilf, and Ilan Troen; Special Guest Ruth Gavison

Goals

1. To share the AEN mission and message with members and participants and to prepare for the next period of AEN activity.
 2. To mobilize active faculty in the network able to reach and teach other AEN members.
 3. To socialize and establish personal relations through our network, permitting Board and AEN members to meet and interact, and facilitating robust conversation among members.
 4. To generate ideas and share perspectives (a) on contending with BDS and anti-Semitism, and on defending academic freedom and free speech on campus today; (b) on supporting Israel amidst challenges in a time of transition; and (c) on enhancing AEN's initiatives, strategies and effectiveness
 5. To encourage members to develop action plans and strategies considering local realities.
 6. To educate members on issues relevant to AEN's mission; to highlight varying successful initiatives and modes of work in the past year; and to share information about resources offered by partner organizations and about educational opportunities for members, as well as resources.
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Program

Monday, May 15th

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| 4:00 - 8:00 pm | AEN Members and Partners Arrive; Conference and Hotel Check-in; Dinner on Own |
| 4:00 – 7:30 pm | AEN Advisory Board Meeting & Dinner |
| 8:00 - 9:30 pm | Brief Opening Welcome and Panel #1: “Experiences Challenging BDS 2016-2017”

<i>Rachel Harris</i> , University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (MLA); <i>David Greenberg</i> , Rutgers University (AHA); <i>David Rosen</i> , Fairleigh Dickinson University (AAA); <i>Ron Hassner</i> , University of California – Berkeley (ISA); <i>Azriel Genack</i> , Graduate Center & Queens College, CUNY (faculty petition) <i>Daniel Schwartz</i> , George Washington University (anti-BDS campaign); <i>Gabriel Brahm</i> , Northern Michigan University (“Seeking Meaning in Recent Victories”). |

Tuesday, May 16th

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| 8:00 -- 8:45 am | Breakfast |
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8:45 – 9:15 am

Official Welcome

Mark G. Yudof, Chair, AEN Advisory Board; *Lisa Eisen*, Vice President, Charles & Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation

9:15 – 10:45 am

Panel #2: “What’s Next? What are the Challenges of the New Period?”

Cary Nelson, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; *Miriam Elman*, Syracuse University; *David Schraub*, U.C. Berkeley School of Law; *Ernest Sternberg*, University at Buffalo, SUNY; *Stacey Aviva Flint*, Spertus Institute; *Rachel Moran*, University of California Los Angeles Law School & Harvard Law School

10:45 – 11:05 am

Break

11:10 am – 12:15 pm

Keynote #1: “Freedom of Speech on Campus”

Geoffrey Stone, Edward H. Levi Distinguished Service Professor, University of Chicago Law School; Introduction by Mark Yudof

12:15 – 1:15 pm

Lunch

1:15 – 2:20 pm

Explorations I: Three Panels Simultaneously

1. “Opportunities for Continuing Education on Israel and BDS”

Stephen Sussman, Barry University (Institute for Study of Global Antisemitism & Policy (ISGAP) Summer Institute for Curriculum Development in Critical Antisemitism Studies, Oxford University); *Keren Fraiman*, iCenter; *Avi Weinryb*, Israel Action Network (Faculty Trips to Israel); *Linda Maizels*, AEN (Schusterman “Crash Courses” and Plan for AEN Regional Short Courses with Schusterman Center)

2. “Students and What They Need in the Fight with BDS”

Jacob Baime, Israel on Campus Coalition (moderator); **Student Panelists:** *Hayley Nagelberg*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; *Alexa Rittenberg*, Ohio State University; *Ethan Steinberg* and *Matthew Foldi*, University of Chicago

3. “Debates on Campus About Free Speech and Safe Spaces”

Samantha Harris, Foundation for Individual Rights in Education; *Charles Lipson*, University of Chicago; *Steven Trachtenberg*, President Emeritus, George Washington University

2:20 – 2:40 pm

Break

2:40 – 4:00 pm

Keynote #2: “Arguing Israel Contra BDS”

Einat Wilf, author, former Member of Knesset (Labor) and former Baye Foundation Adjunct Fellow at The Washington Institute; Introduction by Mike Atkins

4:00 – 4:20 pm

Break

4:20 – 5:30 pm

Explorations II: Three Panels Simultaneously:

1. “Law and Antisemitism: Federal & State Legislation”

Steve Resnicoff, DePaul University Law School; and *Ken Stern*, Justus Rosenberg Foundation

2. “Recent Conflicts with BDS at Three Illinois Campuses and What They Suggest About Intersectionality and Israel”

Richard Herman, Chancellor Emeritus, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (moderator); *Laurie Zoloth*, Northwestern University (incoming Dean, University of Chicago Divinity School); *John Lowenstein*, Jewish Federation of Metro Chicago; *Hayley Nagelberg*, undergraduate student, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; *Robert Gordon*, University of Illinois-Chicago

3. “Exploring the Story at UCLA”

Milan Chatterjee, former President, UCLA Graduate Student Association and current graduate student, NYU Law School; *Arielle Mokhtarzadeh*, President, Bears for Israel and President, UCLA Undergraduate Students Association; *Max Samarov*, Director of Research and Campus Strategy, StandWithUs

5:30 – 6:00 pm

Break, free time

6:00 – 7:00 pm

Cocktail Reception

7:00 – 9:30 pm

Dinner & post-dinner moderated conversation: “Doing Our Work Under a New Presidential Administration and Amidst New Developments in Israel and the Middle East”

Selected Guests and Conference Attendees

Wednesday, May 17

7:45 – 8:30 am

Breakfast

8:30 – 8:45 am

Day 2 Welcome

Steven Nasatir, President, Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago

8:45 – 10:15 am

Keynote #3: “Countering the BDS Colonial Settler Narrative”

Ilan Troen, Stoll Family Professor of Israel Studies, Brandeis University and Co-editor, *Essential Israel* (2017); Introduction by Ken Waltzer

10:15 – 10:30 am

Break

10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Explorations III in Small Panels:

1. “Integrating the Regents Principles Against Intolerance into Campus Policy and Practice in California: The Challenges”

Doug Haynes, Vice Provost for Academic Equity, Diversity & Inclusion, University of California-Irvine; *Tracy Turoff*, Vice President & General Counsel, Hillel International; *Ken Waltzer*, Executive Director, AEN

2. “Stealth or Silent Boycott; Personal Experiences Dealing with BDS,”

Doron Ben-Atar, Fordham University (moderator); *Janet Freedman*, Brandeis University; *Gila Silverman*, University of Arizona; *Shlomo Dubnov*, University of California San Diego

12:00 – 12:45 pm

Hotel Guests Checkout

12:45 – 1:30 pm

Lunch & Special Guest Lecture: “What Zionism is Not”

Ruth Gavison, Visiting Professor in Israel Studies, The Crown Family Center for Jewish and Israel Studies, Northwestern University, Haim H. Cohn Professor Emerita of Human Rights at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and winner of the Israel Prize; Introduction by Ken Waltzer

1:30 – 3:00 pm

Crafting Campus Relevant Action Agendas: “What Can Be Done to Change or Improve the Situation on Your Campus?”

3:00 pm

Conference Adjourns!

Thursday, May 17

8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Voluntary Op-ed Writing Seminar for Selected Participants