



Rensselaer

7<sup>th</sup> Annual Vietnam Education Foundation
Fellows and Scholars Conference
January 3 - 5, 2010

Host University: Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI)

Tentative Agenda
(as of October 5, 2009)

Saturday, January 2, 2010

- 2:00 pm - 9:00 pm CONFERENCE CHECK-IN (Room TBD at The Desmond Hotel)
Evening DINNER ON YOUR OWN
2:00 pm - 11:00 pm FELLOWS NETWORKING (Room TBD at The Desmond)
2:00 pm - 9:00 pm JOB FAIR (Room TBD at The Desmond)

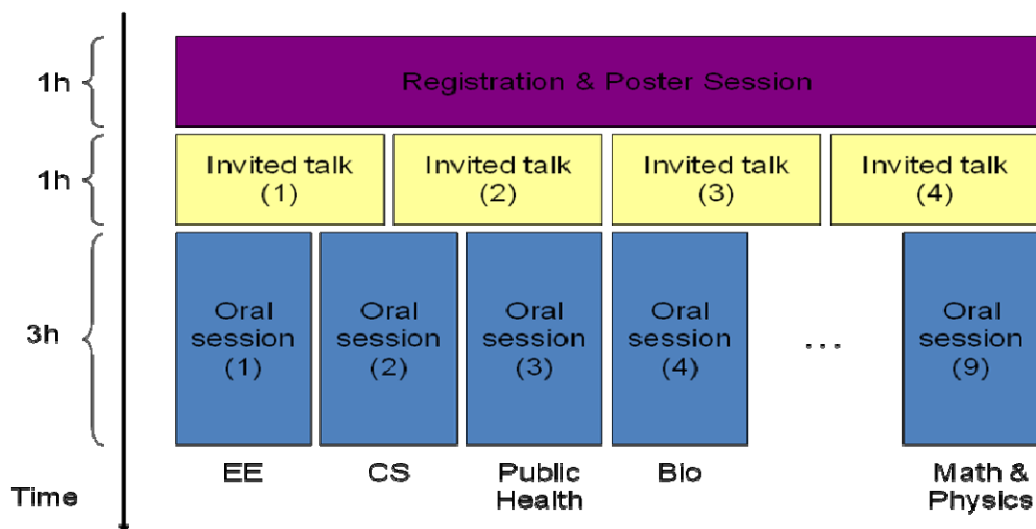
Sunday, January 3, 2010

- 7:00 am - 7:30 am BUSES DEPART THE DESMOND FOR RPI
7:30 am - 8:30 am BREAKFAST BUFFET (Location: DCC Great Hall)
7:30 am - 8:00 pm JOB FAIR (Location: DCC Great Hall)
8:30 am - 9:15 am CONFERENCE WELCOMING REMARKS (Location: DCC 308)
Dr. Lynne McNamara, VEF Acting Executive Director
Dr. Shirley Ann Jackson, President, RPI
Dr. Stanley Dunn, Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School, RPI
Dr. Nguyen Thien Nhan, Deputy Prime Minister & Minister, Vietnam Ministry of Education and Training
Dr. Hoang Van Phong, Minister, Vietnam Ministry of Science and Technology

INTRODUCTION OF JOB FAIR DELEGATIONS

1 TBD = To Be Determined

9:15 am – 10:15am	IMMIGRATION MATTERS + Q&A <b>MS. SANDARSHI GUNAWARDENA</b> , <i>VEF Program Officer</i>	(Location: DCC 308)
10: 15 am – 10: 30 am	BREAK	(Location: DCC Great Hall)
10: 30 am – 11:00 am	U.S. FACULTY SCHOLAR PRESENTATIONS <b>Dr. Lynne McNamara</b> , <i>VEF Acting Executive Director</i> <b>2009 U.S. Faculty Scholars:</b>	(Location: DCC 308)
	1. <b>Dr. Quyen D. Chu, M.D., F.A.C.S.<sup>2</sup></b> , Associate Professor, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-Shreveport Field: General Surgery and Surgical Oncology	
	2. <b>Dr. Hung S. Ho, M.D., F.A.C.S.</b> , Professor, Surgery Clinic at University of California, Davis, School of Medicine Field: Surgery	
	3. <b>Dr. Findlay Gordon Edwards, Ph.D.</b> , Associate Professor, University of Arkansas Field: Environmental Engineering	
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	LEADERSHIP: KEYNOTE SPEAKER <b>Dr. Robert Chernow</b> , Vice Provost for Entrepreneurship, RPI	(Location: DCC 308)
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	LUNCH	(Location: DCC Great Hall)
1:00 pm – 6:00 pm	<u>SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS</u>	(Rooms TBD at RPI)
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Poster Sessions –Organizer: <b>Khoi T. Nguyen</b>	
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Four parallel invited talks by RPI professors	
3:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Nine parallel oral sessions by VEF Fellows, Visiting Scholars, and non-VEF speakers	



<sup>2</sup> Fellow of the American College of Surgeons

<i>Scientific Sessions: Oral Presentations</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Session Chairs</i>
1. Electrical Engineering	TBD	Kien C. Nguyen
2. Computer Science	TBD	Binh Nguyen
3. Public Health and Biomedical Science	TBD	Nhan T. Ho
4. Biological, Life, and Agricultural Science	TBD	Liem M. Pham
5. Environmental, Earth, Atmospheric, and Natural Resource Science	TBD	Thuy T.H., Nguyen
6. Chemistry, Chemical Engineering, and Material Science	TBD	Trung D. C. Cao
7. Civil and Industrial Engineering	TBD	<b>Trung Q. Le , Trang Nguyen</b>
8. Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering	TBD	Nguyen H. P Nguyen
9. Mathematics and Physics	TBD	Phong A. Tran

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm      BUSES TO THE DESMOND

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm      Tentative: DINNER ON YOUR OWN

9:00 pm – 10:00 pm    IMMIGRATION ADVISING (SANDARSHI GUNAWARDENA)    (Room TBD at The Desmond)

9:00 pm – 11:00 pm    VEFFA Board of Representatives (BOR) Campaigning    (Room TBD at The Desmond)

## **Monday, January 4, 2010**

7:00 am – 8:00 am      BUSES DEPART THE DESMOND FOR RPI

7:30 am – 8:30 am      BREAKFAST BUFFET      (Location: DCC Great Hall)

7:30 am – 8:30 am      IMMIGRATION ADVISING (SANDARSHI GUNAWARDENA)      (Room TBD at RPI)

7:30 am – 6:30 pm      JOB FAIR      (Location: DCC Great Hall)

8:30 am – 11:30 am    LEADERSHIP: Experiential Learning/Training Workshop      (Rooms TBD at RPI)

[5 parallel sessions, conducted by the Rensselaer Archer Center for Student Development]

1. Elevator Pitches and Public Speaking (including 60 second sells)
2. General Leadership Skills/Styles
3. Goal Setting and Vision
4. Managing Conflict
5. Team Development

11:30 am – 12:30 pm    LUNCH      (Location: DCC Great Hall)

11:30 am – 12:30 pm    IMMIGRATION ADVISING (SANDARSHI GUNAWARDENA)      (Room TBD at RPI)

12:30 pm – 3:00 pm    VEF Fellows and Scholars Association (VEFFA) MEETING (Location: DCC Great Hall)

3:00 pm – 7:00 pm      RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES at RPI: Soccer Tournament, Badminton Tournament, Ping Pong Tournament, and Billiards

**OR**

## TOUR OF RPI ON-CAMPUS CENTERS & FACILITIES

Potential places to visit include the following:

- The Center for Biotechnology and Interdisciplinary Studies
- The Curtis R. Priem Experimental Media and Performing Arts Center (EMPAC)
- NSF Nanoscale Science and Engineering Center
- Rensselaer Incubator Center
- Smart Lighting Engineering Research Center

7:00 pm – 7:30 pm	BUSES TO THE DESMOND	
7:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Tentative: DINNER ON YOUR OWN	
7:30 pm – 10:00 pm	JOB FAIR	(Room TBD at The Desmond)
8:00 pm – 10:00 pm	IMMIGRATION ADVISING (SANDARSHI GUNAWARDENA)	(Room TBD at The Desmond)
9:00 pm – 11:00 pm	NETWORKING & OPEN DISCUSSION FORUMS	(Room TBD at The Desmond)

## Tuesday, January 5, 2010

7:00 am – 8:00 am	BUSES DEPART THE DESMOND FOR RPI	
7:30 am – 8:30 am	BREAKFAST BUFFET	(Location: DCC Great Hall)
7:30 am – 8:30 am	IMMIGRATION ADVISING (SANDARSHI GUNAWARDENA)	(Room TBD at RPI)
7:30 am – 5:30 pm	JOB FAIR	(Location: DCC Great Hall)
8:30 am – 9:15 am	FORUM with VEF BOARD OF DIRECTORS	(Location: DCC 308)
9:15 am – 11:15 am	<i>ALL THE WAYS HOME - Plenary Session</i>	(Location: DCC 308)
	9:15 am – 9:50 am ENTREPRENEURSHIP	
	9:55 am – 10:25 am ACADEMIC CAREERS	
	10:30 am – 11:15 am VIETNAM DEVELOPMENTS & SUCCESSES	
11:15 am – 11:30 am	BREAK	(Location: DCC Great Hall)
11:30 am – 1:15 pm	<i>ALL THE WAYS HOME - Parallel sessions</i>	(Rooms TBD at RPI)

<i>ALL THE WAYS HOME Parallel Sessions</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Session Chairs</i>
ENTREPRENEURSHIP	TBD	TBD
ACADEMIC CAREERS	TBD	TBD
VIETNAM DEVELOPMENTS & SUCCESSES	TBD	TBD

1:15 pm – 2:00 pm	BOXED LUNCH	(Location: DCC Great Hall)
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm	BUSES AVAILABLE FOR THE DESMOND HOTEL	

