

The Issue at a Glance

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A Strategy for Reforming American Universities

Warren Treadgold, Saint Louis University

After dismissing the possibility of real higher education reform in a 2018 book, Warren Treadgold now believes the demand for reform in some states has grown so strong, and the need so obvious, it might finally be possible to achieve. Here Treadgold suggests a way to do it.

The American Psychological Association's Abortion Bias

Victor Schmithorst, Wright State University

While the APA purportedly aims to further psychology's status as a science and relevant field of healthcare, today it is clear that one of the association's primary functions is acting as a political apparatus for progressive causes.

Wynton Marsalis: What We Need Now

Daniel Asia, Arizona State University

Composer and Professor of Composition Daniel Asia traces the rise of Jazz trumpeter Wynton Marsalis from modest beginnings to the pinnacle of American music.

Fleeing Tension by Fleeing Classics

Mark Adair

Zipf's law, or the simple principle that we humans wouldn't perform any work today if we didn't expect it to lessen tomorrow's burden, may have played a role in the decline of the classics in higher education curricula.

Did American Police Originate from Slave Patrols?

Timothy Hsiao, University of Arkansas Grantham

The claim made by critics of American law enforcement that policing "traces back" to, "started out" as, or "evolved directly from," southern slave patrols, is false. The evidence shows that American sheriffs, town watches, constables, and police all emerged from distinctly English institutions.

Diversity: The Last Refuge of Scoundrels

Jonathan Katz, Washington University

When a university administrator talks about “diversity” he is changing the subject from his proper responsibility—doing his job better. At a university that job is improving the quality of teaching, research, and learning.

Literary Friendship, Dinosaurs, and Retrieving Our Literary Legacy

Donald T. Williams, Toccoa Falls College

Donald T. Williams argues that absorbing the works of literary greats so “truly and thoroughly and sympathetically” that it is appropriate to consider these authors your “friends,” is the only approach to the study of literature worth taking.

IN MEMORIAM

Henry Rosovsky and African American Studies at Harvard

Jonathan Burack, Harvard class of '64

Upon word of his death in November of 2022, accolades poured in for Harvard's renowned Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Henry Rosovsky. But few of the remembrances acknowledged the long-serving Rosovsky's prescience and courage in challenging the worst tendencies in higher education when they were first emerging.

FOR THE RECORD

We Need Some Muscle Over Here!

Bruce Gilley, Portland State University

At a March 2023 meeting of the NAS affiliate California Association of Scholars, NAS treasurer and board member Bruce Gilley assessed the challenges, activities, and achievements of both organizations since their inception and outlined their current priorities, purposes, and potential strategies.