



**Women in Higher Education Leadership
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Panel Moderator: Maria Anguiano, University of California Regent



As a first-generation college graduate, Maria Anguiano has dedicated her career to improving access to education for all learners. Currently she serves as Arizona State University's Senior Vice President for Strategy. She is responsible for enterprise-wide strategic planning including budget strategies, capital planning priorities, enrollment-based and other revenue development opportunities, investment strategies, and multi-year strategies to support the operating and capital needs of the University.

Prior to this work, she was Vice Chancellor, Planning & Budget at UC, Riverside. There she managed an \$800 million budget and oversaw campus-wide strategic planning, financial planning and analysis, institutional research and capital asset strategies. During her years at UCR she most notably led the redesign of the campus budget model, successfully negotiated the campus' first design-build contract for a major research facility, guided a Physical Master Plan Study, and initiated their organizational excellence efforts. Most importantly, she led groundbreaking work on enhancing cost transparency within higher education. Maria also spent time at the University of California Office of the President, working on the system's most pressing financial and strategic initiatives.

Ms. Anguiano has also served as a senior advisor to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's, CFO of ed-tech start-up Minerva Project and held finance roles at Barclays Capital and Deloitte. Maria grew up in National City and currently resides in San Diego. She also serves on the board of the Campaign for College Opportunity, Foundry College, and the James Irvine Foundation. Ms. Anguiano holds an MBA from the Stanford Graduate School of Business and a BA in Economics-Accounting and Spanish from Claremont McKenna College.

Ms. Anguiano was appointed as a Regent in June 2017 by Governor Brown to a term expiring in 2028.

Featured Panelists

Lande Ajose, Higher Education Advisor for Governor Gavin Newsom



Lande Ajose is the senior policy advisor for higher education for the Office of Governor Gavin Newsom. She has expertise in education; poverty alleviation; workforce development, especially for low-income adults; and issues of inequity. Before she joined the Newsom administration, she was executive director of California Competes for four years. She also served as managing director at the strategic consulting firm Informing Change and focused on community college success at MDRC and the James Irvine Foundation. In addition to serving on the [PPIC Higher Education Center Advisory Council](#), she is a member of the California Student Aid Commission—she was appointed in 2014 and reappointed in 2018 by Governor Brown. She is also a commissioner for the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. She holds a PhD in urban and regional studies from MIT, an MA in urban planning from the University of California, Los Angeles, and a BA from Occidental College.

Cecilia Estolano, University of California Board of Regents Vice Chair

Cecilia V. Estolano is a leading expert on contemporary urban planning issues, with experience in economic and workforce development, land use, environmental policy, and urban revitalization. She has worked directly with public, private, institutional, and non-profit clients to plan, finance, design, implement, and operate policy-driven programs and projects that promote sustainable



solutions tailored for each community. Cecilia is a Regent of the University of California and has served as President of the California Community College Board of Governors. She received an A.B. from Harvard-Radcliffe Colleges, an M.A. in Urban Planning from UCLA, and a J.D. from UC Berkeley. Prior to founding Estolano Advisors in 2011, Cecilia served as CEO of CRA/LA, practiced land use and environmental law while Of Counsel and an Associate at Gibson Dunn & Crutcher, served as Senior Policy Advisor at the U.S. EPA during the Clinton Administration, and served as Environmental Policy Advisor to former L.A. Mayor Tom Bradley. In addition to her work at Estolano Advisors, she became the CEO of Better World Group, an environmental strategy firm, in 2018.

Pamela Haynes, California Community College Board of Governors Vice President



Pamela Haynes was appointed to the California Community Colleges Board of Governors by Gov. Jerry Brown in 2016. Haynes served on the Los Rios Community College District Board of Trustees for more than 17 years, including three terms as board president. She also sits on the Board of Trustees for the Community College League of California and the Los Rios Foundation Board. Before retiring from state service in 2012, she served for eight years as a deputy director and senior consultant for the California State Assembly, Speaker's Office of Member Services.

Prior to that, she was the legislative director for the Capitol Office of Assemblymember Mark Ridley-Thomas. Haynes has also worked for the California Labor Federation, ALF-CIO; the City of Sacramento; the Bureau of State Audits; and Department of Health Services. A Santa Monica College transfer student, she has a bachelor's degree from University of California, Los Angeles and a master's degree in Public Administration from Harvard University.

Lillian Kimbell, California State University Board of Trustees Chair



As Legal Counsel and Business Manager of the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions —founded by University of Chicago "great books" president Robert Maynard Hutchins—Kimbell was responsible for all contracts and budgets, including for the journal, *New Perspectives Quarterly* (NPQ), published by Wiley-Blackwell/Oxford.

When Gardels Associates—a media group—was established in 2011, Kimbell also took on the role of legal counsel and business manager as well as manager of Spanish Language Authors and Publisher Relations (including with the Mexican novelist Carlos Fuentes and the Spanish publisher, El Pais/PRISA). Gardels Associates produces the editorial content for NPQ, the Global Viewpoint Network commentaries distributed by the Los Angeles Times Syndicate/Tribune Media and TheWorldPost, a joint venture of the Berggruen Institute and Huffington Post.

Kimbell earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in History and her Juris Doctor from UCLA. She clerked for the Honorable Harry Pregerson of the U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit.

Kimbell is a native Californian who spent most summers in Mexico with her mother's family. She and her husband Nathan live in Los Angeles and have two sons, Carlos and Alexander.

Lark Park, University of California Regent



Lark Park is the Director of the California Education Learning Lab in the Governor's Office of Planning and Research. She previously served as a senior advisor for policy in the Office of Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr., where she has worked on higher education, workforce and childcare/early learning issues since 2015. Between 2011 and 2015, she served as a deputy legislative affairs secretary in the Governor's Office, focusing on health and human services issues. Prior to that, she was a consultant to the California State Senate's Committee on Human Services from 2009 to 2011 and the Committee on Health from 2005 to 2009. She has worked in business/technology journalism, management and technology consulting, and also served in the White House.

She has a Master of Arts degree in English from Georgetown University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of California, Berkeley. Ms. Park was appointed as a Regent in June 2017 by Governor Brown to a term expiring in 2029.

Lateefah Simon, California State University Trustee



Lateefah Simon is a 20-year veteran organizer for racial justice in Oakland and the Bay Area. She has been the President of the Akonadi Foundation since 2016. That same year—driven by the death of Oscar Grant—she ran and was elected to the Bay Area Rapid Transit Board of Directors—of which she now serves as President. Lateefah is also a member of California State University's Board of Trustees and frequently turned to by state officials for strategic advice on policy matters related to racial justice. Lateefah received the MacArthur Foundation "Genius" Award in 2003—making her the youngest woman ever to receive the award at that time.

Previously, Lateefah served as Program Director at the Rosenberg Foundation—where she launched the [Leading Edge Fund](#) to seed, incubate and accelerate bold ideas from the next generation of progressive movement leaders in California. She also held the position of Executive Director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area, where she launched successful community-based initiatives, including the Second Chance Legal Services Clinic.