Wednesday, March 28, 2012

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm  
Welcome Reception & Opening Remarks
Elaine Bernard, Executive Director, Labor and Worklife Program, Harvard Law School
Richard Freeman, Professor of Economics, Harvard University; Faculty Director, Labor and Worklife Program, Harvard Law School
Larry W. Beeferman, Director, Pensions and Capital Stewardship Project, Labor and Worklife Program, Harvard Law School

7:00 pm – 9:30 pm  
Dinner and Session #1: “What Can the Role of Pension Funds Be in Economic Growth and Job Creation?”

Speaker: David Levi, President and CEO, Matrix Asset Management

Thursday, March 29, 2012

8:00 am – 8:30 am  Continental Breakfast

8:30 am – 10:00 am  
Session #2: Financial Market Post-Meltdown: Are We At the Beginning or the End of the Change That is Needed?

Chair: Richard Freeman, Professor of Economics, Harvard University; Faculty Director, Labor and Worklife Program, Harvard Law School
Presenters: Marcus Stanley, Policy Director, Americans for Financial Reform; Tamara Lothian, Lecturer in Law, Columbia Law School and Principal, International Strategies Group (a Boston-based consultancy)

10:15 am – 10:30 am  Break
10:30 am – noon  Session #3: “Should Pension Funds Invest in Commodities? If So What Are the Implications for Them...and Others?”
Chair: Richard Spurgin, Associate Professor of Finance, Clark University
Presenters: Michael Greenberger, Professor, University of Maryland, Francis Carey School of Law
Wallace C. Turbeville, Senior Fellow, Demos
Thomas Schneeweis, Michael and Cheryl Philipp Professor of Finance, Isenberg School of Management, University of Massachusetts – Amherst; Principal, Alternative Investment Analytics

noon – 1:10 pm  Lunch and Session #4: “Infrastructure Investments by New York City Unions’ Pension Funds: A Promising Plan? Reasons, Risks, Recommendations”
Speaker: Gregory Floyd, President, Teamster Local 237 and Trustee, New York City Employees’ Retirement System

1:10 pm – 1:30 pm  Break

1:30 pm – 3:10 pm  Session #5: “Investment in Private Markets: Rewards, Risks, and Implications for Economic Growth and Jobs – Good Jobs? – Creation”
Chair: Eileen Appelbaum, Senior Economist, Center for Economic Policy Research
Presenters: Tom Rotherham, Director, Hermes Equity Ownership Services, Ltd.
Stephen Sleigh, Fund Director, International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers National Pension Fund
Michael Swack, Professor, University of New Hampshire and Research Faculty, Carsey Institute
Commentator: Daniel Bourcier, Agent de développement, Relations avec les Travailleurs dans les entreprises, Fonds de solidarité FTQ (Quebec)

3:10 pm – 3:30 pm  Break

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm  Session #6: “European Perspectives on Pensions and Capital Stewardship”
Chair: Nicholas Ziegler, Associate Professor, University of California, Berkeley
Presenters: Sigurt Vitols, Head of Project Group Modes of Economic Governance, Social Science Research Center Berlin, Germany
Janice Turner, Founding Co-Chair, Association of Member-Nominated Trustees, United Kingdom
Najat El Mekkaoui de Freitas, Assistant Professor of Economics, University Paris-Dauphine, France
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Wasserstein Building, Harvard Law School

Friday, March 30, 2012

8:00 am – 8:45 am  Continental Breakfast

8:45 am – 10:15 am  Session #7: “Is It Time for a New Understanding of What Fiduciary Duty Requires?”
  Chair: David H. Webber, Associate Professor of Law, Boston University Law School
  Presenters: James Hawley, Professor and Director, Elfenworks Center for the Study of Fiduciary Capitalism, Saint Mary’s College of California
             Keith L. Johnson, Program Director for the International Corporate Governance Initiative, University of Wisconsin Law School
             Edward J. Waitzer, Professor, Osgoode Hall Law School
             Larry Beeferman, Director, Pensions and Capital Stewardship Project, Labor and Worklife Program, Harvard Law School

10:15 am – 10:30 am  Break

10:30 am – 12:15 pm  Session #8: “Putting Sustainable Investment in Practice: Making Sense of the “S” in “ESG” and Applying It”
  Chair: Jon Lukomnik, Executive Director, Investor Responsibility Research Center Institute
  Presenters: John Aaron Bernstein, Senior Research Fellow, Labor and Worklife Program, Harvard Law School
             Pat Doherty, Director – Corporate Governance, Office of the State Controller (New York)
             Daniel Bourcier, Agent de développement, Relations avec les Travailleurs dans les entreprises, Fonds de solidarité FTQ (Quebec)
             Bob Mann, Chief Operating Officer, Sustainalytics

12:15 pm – 12:30 pm  Break

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm  Lunch and Session #9: Doing Well by Doing Good? The Public Sector Plan Role in Enabling Private Sector Worker Participation Retirement Plans
  Chair: Larry W. Beeferman, Director, Pensions and Capital Stewardship Project, Labor and Worklife Program
  Presenters: Hank Kim, Executive Director, National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems
             Ellen Bruce, Associate Professor, Gerontology, University of Massachusetts (Boston)

2:00 pm  Adjourn