



**CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS:**

**Frederick Douglass Institute's  
Research and Creative Arts Conference**

*"Uniting for Inclusive Student Success"*

**Thursday, April 3, 2025**

**PennWest Clarion University**



**Submission Due Date: Friday, March 7, 2025**

**Submit a proposal [here!](#)**

**Register to attend the conference [here!](#)**

We invite you to encourage students to apply to present at the **Frederick Douglass Institute Research and Creative Arts Conference** on Thursday, April 3, 2025 at PennWest Clarion University. The theme is "Uniting for Inclusive Student Success." This conference presents a unique opportunity for students to share their ideas, discuss their research and art, and collaborate with peers on crucial issues such as belonging and well-being. Your students' participation will help foster a community of critical thinkers and problem-solvers, ready to take on the challenges facing our world today.

It is a great time to get your students involved as presenters AND participants in the Research and Creative Arts Conference! Please share this with your classes and encourage students to present in the conference. You can also encourage and students from your classes last semester to apply.

Remember the students may need your support in the submission process! Offering to help them write an abstract may just get them from "I'm interested but don't know how" to "Count me in!"

- Students can click [here submit their conferences proposals.](#)
- Every student, faculty, or staff member planning to attend the conference should click [here to register for the conference.](#)

If you have any questions, please reach out to Dr. Joseph Croskey [jcroskey@pennwest.edu](mailto:jcroskey@pennwest.edu) or Ms. Amy Salsgiver [asalsgiver@pennwest.edu](mailto:asalsgiver@pennwest.edu)



## Frederick Douglass Institute's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Douglass Debates

Friday, April 4, 2025

PennWest Clarion University



### 2025 Debate Resolution:

*Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education should mandate the use of Artificial Intelligence in higher education.*

**Tournament Registration Opens March 3, 2025**

**Teams must register by: Friday, March 28, 2025**

**Register your debate team [here!](#)**

**Everyone attending the conference or debates also needs to register [here!](#)**

The Frederick Douglass Institute is proud to announce the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Douglass Debates. The event will be held on April 4<sup>th</sup> in-person at PennWest Clarion University!

We invite university students from all over PASSHE to come together to engage in a lively and thought-provoking debate on the resolution: "Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education should mandate the use of Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education."

Debate team registration, tournament schedules, debate materials, and any further tournament updates will be available on the official tournament website: <http://douglassdebates.tabroom.com>.

- All coaches, competitors, and judges will need to create an account with Tabroom.com—a free service provided by the National Speech and Debate Association.

In addition to team registration, *each student, staff, and faculty member attending the debates should [register here](#) for catering, name tags, and other general event logistics.*

Dr. RJ Green ([rgreen2@commonwealthu.edu](mailto:rgreen2@commonwealthu.edu)) is the Director of the tournament this year and is happy to answer your questions about preparing for and participating in the tournament.

*"If there is no struggle, there is no progress." Frederick Douglass*