

## Morning Session:

**8:30 – 9 a.m.**

Networking and Same Day Registration

**9 – 9:10 a.m.**

Dean Ellen Foster Curtis, Opening Comments

**9:10 – 9:15 a.m.**

State of Illinois-DCEO, Welcoming Remarks  
by Dr. Edward Piatt

**9:15 – 11:30 a.m.**

Three Presentations Focusing on  
Navigating Change

**11:30 a.m. – Noon**

Question and Response Panel - Join the three  
presenters for a more in-depth discussion  
expanding on the morning's topics.

**Location:** Governors State University

**Date:** Friday, September 19

**Time:** 9 a.m. – noon

**Room:** Sherman Hall

**Cost:** \$20 for community members

**Fee waived for Governors State University Faculty,  
Staff and Students**

*(Verification may be required)*

*3.0 CEU for Social Workers, Counselors, and*

*3.0 CPDU for Teachers*

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# Master Keys to Unlock Doors for Leaders Conference: Navigating Change



**September 19, 2014  
8:30 a.m. – Noon**



Master Keys to Unlock Doors for Leaders is an ongoing professional development initiative to reveal, explore, and strengthen definitions and descriptions for performance-driven leadership. Quarterly gatherings offer an opportunity to ignite and sustain awareness of issues critical to our region, as well as opportunities to learn, develop, and implement best practices for all levels of leadership. To stimulate professional and economic development, Master Keys to Unlock Doors for Leaders opens the eyes, ears, minds, and hearts of current and future leaders.



### Edward Piatt, Ed.D., MBA

**Presentation:** “Emotional Intelligence: A Primer for Success”

Dr. Edward Piatt is the North East Senior Account Manager for the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity, and is tasked with representing the Governor's economic development strategy for the NE region. He has worked in state government for 30 years.

Dr. Piatt is a bi-weekly business columnist for the Kankakee Journal writing on a range of business topics from strategic, transformational, servant leadership, leadership theories, emotional intelligence, and how to create diamond organizations. He has written over 150 articles in the last five years.

In addition, Dr. Piatt is an adjunct professor of business at Olivet Nazarene University where he teaches Advanced Marketing, Conflict Resolution Strategies, Leadership, Organization Culture and other classes in the MBA and MOL program.

Dr. Piatt has a BS degree in Business Management from Purdue University, MBA from Governors State University, and a Doctorate in Ethical Leadership from Olivet Nazarene University. He has presented at several national conferences and lectures frequently to organizations on Emotional Intelligence (EI), organizational culture, and leadership strategies.



### Bert Jacobson, Ph.D.

**Presentation:** “Business As Usual Won't Work: Sustainability Awareness and Leadership Effectiveness in the 21st Century.”

Bert Jacobson is the Dean for Environmental and Institutional Sustainability at Kankakee Community College, Co-Chair of the South Metropolitan Higher Education Consortium Sustainability Task Force, Co-founder of the Illinois Green Economy Network (IGEN) and serves on the National Standards Certification Board of the National Recycling Coalition. He also has served on the Kankakee Habitat for Humanity Board and Development Committee, the Midwest Solar Training Network Advisory Board, the Energy Education Council Renewable Energy Task Force, and the Policy and Legislative Work Group of the Illinois Green Government Coordinating Council.

Bert holds a Doctorate Degree in Cognitive Anthropology from Washington University, a Black Belt in Six Sigma, was a 2007 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Examiner, conducts site surveys for medical education organizations, teaches MBA leadership courses, and serves as a doctoral dissertation advisor.



### Stephen Wagner, Ph.D.

**Presentation:** “Temporal Leadership: The importance of timing in leading change”

Stephen Wagner received Ph.D. in Industrial/Organizational Psychology from Northern Illinois University. Prior to joining the faculty of Governor's State University in 2011, he held HR positions in corporate and public sector settings (Sears, Roebuck & Co., Grand Rapids Community College), was director of the Industrial/Organizational Psychology graduate programs at Central Michigan University, and also provided management consulting services for a wide variety of organizations. Dr. Wagner's research focuses on the causes and consequences of work-related attitudes and has been published in many journals, including Journal of Organizational Behavior, Personnel Psychology, Journal of Applied Psychology, Organizational Behavior and Human Decision Processes.