

Alan R. Sadovnik Returns to Adelphi University to Deliver the Robert F. and Augusta Finkelstein Memorial Lecture



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Adelphi University welcomes back esteemed former professor and dean of the Ruth S. Ammon School of Education, and current Rutgers University professor of education, sociology, and public affairs, Alan R. Sadovnik, as he presents "The Limits and Possibilities of Urban School Improvement: Lessons from the Inner City," the Robert F. and Augusta Finkelstein Memorial Lecture. The event will take place on Tuesday, October 20, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. in the Adelphi University Performing Arts Center (AU PAC), Concert Hall, 1 South Avenue, Garden City, NY. The event is free and open to the public.

Dr. Sadovnik's research objectives center on sociology of education, urban educational policy, and the history of progressive education. Along with his role as university professor, he maintains the positions of associate director of the Institute on Education Law and Policy, and coordinator of the Urban Educational Policy Track in the Ph.D. in urban systems at Rutgers.

He received the Willard Waller Award in 1993 from the American Sociological Association, and his work was recognized by the American Educational Studies Association, earning him the Critics Choice Award for 1995, 2000, and 2002.

Dr. Sadovnik has authored *Equity and Excellence in Higher Education*, co-authored *Exploring Education: An Introduction to the Foundations of Education*, the *History of Schools and Schooling* series, the *Palgrave Series in Urban Education*, and the *Schooling Around the World* series, among others. He received his Ph.D. in sociology from New York University in 1983.

The Robert F. and Augusta Finkelstein Memorial Lecture was established in 1981 by Augusta Finkelstein in honor of her husband, the late Robert F. Finkelstein, a noted industrialist and staunch supporter of public education. Following Mrs. Finkelstein's death, the lecture was renamed for her as well, and continues to be generously supported by the Finkelstein family. Mrs.

Finkelstein's goal was "to provide a series of lectures by well-known persons recognized for their commitment to the elementary and secondary public school system."

For more information about this and other events on campus, please visit www.adelphi.edu, or call the Cultural Events Hotline at 516.877.4555.

About Adelphi University: Adelphi University, chartered in 1896, was the first institution of higher education for the liberal arts and sciences on Long Island. Through its schools and programs—The College of Arts and Sciences, Derner Institute of Advanced Psychological Studies, Honors College, Ruth S. Ammon School of Education, University College, and the Schools of Business, Nursing, and Social Work—the co-educational university offers undergraduate and graduate degrees as well as professional and educational programs for adults. Adelphi University currently enrolls nearly 8,500 students from 41 states and 63 foreign countries. With its main campus in Garden City and centers in Manhattan, Hauppauge, and Poughkeepsie, the University maintains a commitment to liberal studies in tandem with rigorous professional preparation and active citizenship.