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Errata: This address should have been published in the pages of this issue and volume in the year following the Annual Association for the Study of Higher Education (ASHE) Conference at which it was delivered. In 2022, the ASHE Ethics Committee conducted an investigation to understand why nine Presidential Addresses had yet to be printed in *The Review of Higher Education*. The ASHE Presidential Addresses missing were from C. Robert Pace (1977), Burton Clark (1980), Howard R. Bowen (1981), Joan S. Stark (1985), Sheila Slaughter (1996), Lisa Wolf-Wendel (2013), Scott Thomas (2016), Shaun R. Harper (2017), and Lori Patton Davis (2018). The investigation findings indicated there had been no clear process established for publishing presidential addresses. One recommendation in this report was that the contract with *RHE* Editors be amended to include an explicit process and expectation for publication of ASHE presidential addresses; this was completed in February 2023 by way of a contract signed by the ASHE Executive Director and *RHE* editor/s and to be required from 2023 on. Another recommendation was to collect the missing presidential addresses for publication and make them available. ASHE took up the responsibility of publishing missing addresses by contacting the president, archives and/or estate; the addresses of Drs. Pace, Clark, Bowen, Stark, and Slaughter were sought but were no longer available.

Drs. Wolf-Wendel, Thomas, Harper, and Patton Davis were asked by ASHE in April 2022 to submit their manuscripts to be published as an erratum. Dr. Patton Davis' address "Envisioning the Woke Academy" was submitted on December 18, 2023, to the ASHE Office. In early 2024, Dr. Patton Davis was asked by the ASHE President and ASHE Executive Director if she would consider omitting portions of her address for publication given that ethical and legal concerns regarding the speech had been raised. Dr. Patton Davis refused this request instead opting not to have her speech published at all. She also expressed disappointment about her integrity being questioned. In the end, the request was rescinded, but Dr. Patton Davis expressed the harmful nature of the process to her and the broader Association. Dr. Patton Davis officially withdrew her address from the publication process. On April 5, 2024, the ASHE President and board asked the *RHE* editors to take up the missing addresses, including this address, and editors agreed. The *RHE* editors reached out to Dr. Patton Davis to see if she would reconsider publishing her address, which she declined. If Dr. Patton Davis' address is received by current or future editors, it will be moved through the typical and contracted production process, "While the presidential address is not sent out for peer review, it will follow the regular copyediting process." This erratum presidential speech was posted on September 10, 2024.

For ASHE Presidential Addresses or erratum see the respective *The Review of Higher Education*'s summer issue. For video recordings, see the ASHE website with [ASHE Presidential Addresses here](#), including a video of Dr. Patton Davis' speech.