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BU to host top financial industry officials at symposium next month

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Top public and private financial industry officials plan to visit Boston next month for a day-long symposium celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency and the national banking system, according to Boston University officials who will host the conference.

Comptroller of the Currency Thomas J. Curry will deliver a keynote address at the gathering at the Hynes Convention Center on March 31, while other speakers will talk about the current state of domestic and international banking in the context of recent and historical events.

Among those scheduled to attend are:

- Sheila Bair, former chair of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC)
- Sharon Bowles, chair of the Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee of the European Parliament
- Christopher Dodd, former U.S. Senator and chair of the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs
- Camden Fine, president of the Independent Community Bankers of America
- Barney Frank, former U.S. Congressman and chair of the House Financial Services Committee
- Thomas Hoening, vice chair of the FDIC
- Cornelius Hurley, professor and director of Boston University's Center for Finance, Law, & Policy
- Raymond Natter, partner at Washington, D.C. law firm Barnett, Sivon & Natter, P.C. and former deputy chief counsel at the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency
- Timothy Pawlenty, former Minnesota Governor and president of The Financial Services Roundtable
- John Reed, former chair of Citicorp
- Paul Volcker, former chair of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

“With the financial crisis still fresh in our memory, the 150th anniversary of President Lincoln’s National Bank Act is an opportune time to bring together some of the industry’s most thoughtful leaders to reflect on the industry’s past and to consider its future,” said a statement from Curry.

BU’s Center for Finance, Law & Policy will host the symposium.

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Specific topics will include a discussion of the state of the dual banking system, preemption in the wake of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010, a view on banking from Europe, a discussion of the Volcker Rule by Mr. Volcker, a discussion on banking reform with Senator Dodd and Congressman Frank, the future of universal banking, a dialogue on Too Big to Fail, the future of banking in light of globalization and emerging alternatives to traditional banks, the university said.

Breakfast and registration will start at 7 a.m. and the symposium will run through 5 p.m. For more details and to register, [click here](#).

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