

Jobs and the Future of the US Economy: Possibilities and Limits

Date: Oct 1, 2010

Location: Howard University

Armour J. Blackburn University Center

Room: Hilltop Terrace Washington, DC 20059

Time: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

The US economy is in the midst of the greatest jobs crisis since the Great Depression. But this crisis is more than a short run phenomenon. For many decades we have experienced a long-term failure to generate jobs for all. A fundamental restructuring of the US economy is essential to overcome both the crisis and reverse the long term failure to generate jobs.

A number of proposals have been offered to make jobs a central priority of US economic policy. Our purpose in calling this conference is to bring together the proponents of these various programs, to discuss their similarities and differences, and develop a strategic perspective on how to proceed.

We invite all who wish to contribute and further this effort to participate.

Current sponsors include: the Howard University Economics Department, the Chicago Political Economy Group, the National Jobs for All Coalition, the Center for Full Employment and Price Stability, the Center for Economic and Policy Research, the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability, and the U.S. Solidarity Economics Network.

At registration a donation of \$20 will be requested to cover expenses and lunch. Fee is waived for Howard students.

Program:

Registration: 9-9:30.

Welcome: 9:30-9:45

Welcome Howard University Representative

Morning Session I: **Jobs Proposal Presentations**: 9:45-12:15

Introduction and Moderator: Haydar Kurban, Howard University

Ron Baiman Chicago Political Economy Group,

and Center for Tax and Budget Accountability;

Joshua Bivens Economic Policy Institute,

Mathew Forstater Center for Full Employment and Price Stability,

and University of Missouri, Kansas City;

Darrick Hamilton New School for Management and Urban Policy,

and Center for Economic Policy Analysis;

Philip Harvey National Jobs for All Coalition,

and Rutgers University Law School, Camden;

John Schmitt Center for Economic and Policy Research, Jeffrey Thompson Political Economic Research Institute,

and University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Morning Session II: Summary and Discussion of Similarities and Differences of Jobs Programs: 12:30 – 1:30

Moderator: Janet Griffin-Graves, Howard University

Heather Boushey Center for American Progress; Helen Ginsburg National Jobs for All Coalition

and Brooklyn College;

Michael Golash Amalgamated Transit Union, Washington DC;

Lisa Saunders University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

The morning panelists and attendees will engage in a facilitated discussion and exchange.

Lunch Break: 1:45 - 2:45

Afternoon Session: Strategic and Political Considerations 3:00-4:45

Panelists (Institutional affiliation for identification only):

Moderator: Aisha Thompson, Howard University

Treston Davis-Faulkner National Jobs With Justice;
Trudy Goldberg National Jobs for All Coalition

and Adelphi University;

Rodney Green Howard University;

Julie Matthaei U.S. Solidarity Economics Network

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