AGENDA

THURSDAY JULY 21, 2016

8:30 am  Registration Opens  
Continental breakfast provided

9:00 am - 9:15 am  Welcome and Introductions

9:15 am - 9:45 am  Opening Discussion

*Millennials, Civic Participation, and the Role of Young Americans in the Future of Work*

In this opening session, we will discuss the important economic and political role Millennials play in shaping our collective future. We will discuss a bright vision for the future, where young people not only actively participate in elections, but where government is also responsive to the values of millions of Millennials across the country.

Joelle Gamble, National Director, Network at the Roosevelt Institute

9:45 am - 11:00 am  Morning Panel Session 1

*Higher Education Debt: The Anchor Weighing Down the CA Economy?*

Currently there are over 4 million Californians with higher education debt, totaling $112 billion. The burden of this debt is keeping young people from starting families, purchasing homes, and making valuable and crucial contributions to the economy. This conversation will outline the ways in which student loan debt may have a major impact on California’s economy. Panelists will outline the challenges that young people face in financing an education, and will discuss policy solutions that could help young Californians achieve an education without bankrupting their future.

**Moderator**

Janelle Scott, Associate Professor, UC Berkeley Graduate School of Education and African American Studies Department

**Panelists**

Hans Johnson, Director, Public Policy Institute of California Higher Education Center
Kevin Sabo, President, University of California Student Association
Natalia Abrams, Executive Director, Student Debt Crisis
11:00 am - 12:15 pm  Morning Panel Session 2

Planning and Protecting Your Economic Future: What Young Americans Should Know about Retirement

Millennials face a daunting economic future. When it comes to retirement security and the viability of social safety net programs, what changes need to be made so that hard working young people can retire with dignity? How can we support government programs that ensure social security and pensions plans are viable in the future? Join the conversation on how we can build a retirement system that works for everyone.

Moderator
Sarah Swanbeck, Executive Director, Center on Governing & Investing in the Future

Panelists
Professor Sarah Anzia, Michelle J. Schwartz Assistant Professor of Public Policy, UC Berkeley Goldman School of Public Policy
David Crane, President, Govern for California
Joelle Gamble, National Director, Network at the Roosevelt Institute

12:15 pm - 12:45 pm  Lunch and Networking Break
Lunch provided

12:45 pm - 2:00 pm  Afternoon Panel Session 1

Creating a Sustainable Economic Future for Millennials

For many young Californians looking for work, the job market has become an unfriendly place. Growing inequality, a widening skills gap, and stagnated wages have placed young workers in a challenging position as they move into adulthood. This panel will address how difficult labor market conditions, rapid technological change, and the changing nature of work are creating unique challenges for young adults looking for work. Panelists will discuss the unique lens through which Millennials view employment and their career trajectory, and the different public policies we can implement to help today’s youth prepare for a changing workforce.

Moderator
Professor Alexander Gelber, Assistant Professor of Public Policy, UC Berkeley Goldman School of Public Policy

Panelists
Gustavo Herrera, Western Regional Director, Young Invincibles
Saru Jayaraman, Director, Food Labor Research Center at UC Berkeley
Sasha Werblin, Economic Equity Director, Greenlining Institute

2:00 pm - 2:15 pm  Break
Snack provided
2:15 pm - 3:30 pm Afternoon Panel Session 2

**Art and Activism in Youth-Led Social Movements**

Art can be an incredibly powerful instrument of social change. Some of the most effective social movements of the last decade have used art as an illustrative and journalistic tool to bring to the light the fears and emotions at the heart of social justice issues. This panel will bring together artists and activists to discuss the intersectionality between social change and creative expression.

**Moderator**

*Marvin Bing, Creative Director, Art for Amnesty, Amnesty International*

**Panelists**

*Gerard Bush, Filmmaker “Canvases of Courage”*
*Brandan “Bmike” Odums, Visual Artist*
*Miles Regis, Visual Artist*
*Kristy Sandoval, Los Angeles Based Muralist*

3:30 pm - 3:45 pm Networking Break

3:45 pm - 4:30 pm Closing Discussion: (Optional)

**Messaging to the Millennial Generation**

This is an informal roundtable discussion with young Californians focused on social change about the unique values, personality, and style of the millennial generation and how this influences the ways in which we present information to them. The discussion will be designed to solicit feedback from conference participants about the creative ways that the Center on Governing & Investing in the Future can present itself and its work to have the most impact.
FRIDAY JULY 22, 2016

8:30 am  Registration Opens
Continental breakfast provided

9:00 am - 9:30 am  Opening Discussion

The Link between Age, Political Participation, and Growing Economic Inequality
Political participation increases with both education and income – those with higher socio-economic status have more political voice and influence in the political process. Political participation also generally increases with age. Yet little is known about how political inequality interacts with age. This conversation will outline how our political system, in which poor people and young people are increasingly disadvantaged, is linked to public policies that help older Americans much more than younger Americans.

Dean Henry Brady, Dean and Class of 1941 Monroe Deutsch Professor of Political Science and Public Policy, Goldman School of Public Policy
Sonja Petek, Master of Public Policy 2016, Goldman School of Public Policy

9:30 am - 11:30 am  Morning Panel Session

Building and Sustaining Youth-Led Movements
Young people have always been at the forefront of social change in this country. From the civil rights movement to marriage equality young people are not only driving social movements but also leading them. This panel will present case studies from prominent social movements to share best practices in sustaining work and implementing change. Following this discussion guests will have opportunity to brainstorm strategies to support their respective movements with prominent organizational leaders from around the state and country.

Moderator
Kurston Cook, Master of Public Policy Candidate, Goldman School of Public Policy

Panelists
Dante Barry, Executive Director, Million Hoodies Movement for Justice
Ian Fregosi, Field Organizer, Evolve
Angela Peoples, Co-Director, GetEqual
Ben Wessel, Deputy Political Director, NextGen Climate

11:30 am - 11:45 am  Break

11:45 am - 12:30 pm  Morning Breakout Session

Defining Priorities for California Millennials – A Breakout Discussion
Following the morning panel, this breakout session will give participants the opportunity to interact with young leaders who have led important social movements. The conversation will center on how we, as a group of young Californians, can come together and create priorities for our generation.
12:30 pm - 1:15 pm  Lunch Break  
Lunch provided

1:15 pm - 1:45 pm  Recapping Breakout Discussions

Kurston Cook, Master of Public Policy Candidate, Goldman School of Public Policy

1:45 pm - 2:00 pm  Break  
Snack provided

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm  Afternoon Session

The Youth Vote Matters! Amplifying Millennial Voices in 2016 and Beyond
By 2020, Millennials will represent over a third of all eligible voters and will be the largest voting bloc in American history. The 2016 presidential primary has proven that, not only do young people matter in elections, but that they can also be the driving force to victory. This panel will cover the state of young voters in California, with panelists examining best practices in how to engage and mobilize young people to ensure their representatives at a local, state, and national level are responsive to millennial values.

Moderator
Laurel Rosenhall, Reporter, CALmatters

Panelists
Mindy Romero, Director, California Civic Engagement Project at UC Davis  
Christian Diaz, Executive Director, Chicago Votes  
The Honorable Eric Swalwell, Representative for CA District 15, US House of Representatives

3:30 pm - 4:00 pm  Closing Remarks

Sarah Swanbeck, Executive Director, Center on Governing & Investing in the Future

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm  Networking Reception  
Drinks and light refreshment provided