AGENDA

9:00 a.m. Registration (Lobby)

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast (Tamalpais Room)

9:30 am - 10:00 am Welcome and Opening Discussion

Sarah Swanbeck, Director, Berkeley Institute for the Future of Young Americans
James Hawkins, MPP Candidate '18, Goldman School of Public Policy

10:00 am - 11:15 am Morning Panel Session 1

The Role of Young Americans in the Future of Work
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
Mary Collins, Program Director, American Jobs Initiative

Panelists
Adri Jayaratne, Former Assistant Secretary, United States Department of Labor
Jeylee Quiroz, Assistant Researcher, UCLA Labor Center, I am a #Youngworker Project
Sarah Thomason, Research and Policy Associate, Institute for Research on Labor and Employment, UC Berkeley

11:15 am - 12:30 pm Morning Panel Session 2

A Healthy Future for Young Californians
In the United States, young adults are more likely to be uninsured and less likely to have regular source for medical care than any other age group. The Affordable Care Act recognized the critical need for expanding insurance coverage and health care utilization in young adults. Yet the debate around healthcare coverage for young people has resurfaced with the recent debate on healthcare reform at the federal level. This panel will discuss emerging healthcare challenges for young people in California. Panelists will speak to issues of healthcare coverage among young Californians, as well as particular challenges for young people in finding the right medical care.
Moderator
Jackie Bender, Vice President of Policy, California Association of Public Hospitals

Panelists
Betzabel Estudillo, Health Policy Manager, California Immigrant Policy Center
Scott Graves, Research Director, California Budget & Policy Center
Isaac Menashe, Associate Director for Evaluation & Research at Covered California

12:30 pm - 1:15 pm  Lunch Break (Terrace)

1:15 pm - 2:30 pm  Afternoon Panel Session 1

From Resistance to Governance:
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.

Moderator
Ned Resnikoff, Former Senior Editor for Policy at ThinkProgress, MPP Candidate ’19

Panelists
Sarah Audelo, Executive Director, Alliance for Youth Action
Ben Brown, Founder, Association of Young Americans
Raul Preciado, California Youth Organizing Director, NextGen America

2:30 pm - 2:45 pm  Break
Snack provided

2:45 pm - 4:00 pm  Afternoon Panel Session 2

The Role of Storytelling in Powering Social Movements
Storytelling can be an incredibly powerful instrument of social change. Some of the most effective social movements of the last decade have used storytelling 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 storytellers and activists to discuss the intersectionality between social change and creative expression.

Panelists
Brandon Santiago, Co-Program Director, Youth Speaks
Saba Waheed, Research Director, UCLA Labor Center, Co-Producer, “Re:Work, Stories that Rethink Work”

4:00 pm - 4:15 pm  Closing Remarks

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

4:15 - 6:00 pm  Networking Reception (Terrace)
Drinks and light refreshment provided