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WELCOME AND OPENING LUNCHEON



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Kit Judge joined the Casey Family in 2014 and is Associate Director with the Policy Reform & Advocacy (PRA) team in the External Affairs unit, managing much of the ambitious National Policy Reform and Advocacy portfolio. Prior to joining the Foundation, Kit served as a senior policy and communications advisor for Speaker and Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi in the U.S. House of Representatives for the past ten years. As part of the Democratic Leader's senior staff, Kit developed legislative, political and messaging strategies for the implementation of the Democratic leadership's agenda in the House. Covering a broad range of policy and legislative issues, she served as one of the primary people who conceived, developed, and wrote press and message materials for Speaker Pelosi and other House Democrats. Prior to joining Speaker Pelosi's staff, Kit was a policy advisor and research director for former top House Democrat Richard A. Gephardt. And she began her quarter-century Capitol Hill career with the Democratic Study Group, the preeminent source of legislative information for House Democrats. Kit has a J.D. from George Washington University. After growing up in Richmond, Indiana, she earned a B.A. in political science and psychology from Earlham College. She lives in Silver Spring, Maryland with her husband Bruce Hawkins and teenage son Jackson.

FEDERAL AND STATE BUDGET AND TAX POLICY OUTLOOK



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Sharon Parrott is the Senior Vice President for Federal Policy and Program Development at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. Parrott brings to the Center's leadership team deep expertise in poverty and economic opportunity as well as the federal budget and low-income programs and works to advance the Center's priorities across a range of policy areas and

bolster the Center’s organizational strength and sustainability. Parrott rejoined the Center in 2017 after serving for two years as Associate Director for the Education, Income Maintenance, and Labor Division at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). At OMB she had budget and oversight responsibilities for the Departments of Labor and Education, the Social Security Administration, the human services programs at the Department of Health and Human Services, and the nutrition programs at the Department of Agriculture. As Associate Director, Parrott helped design budget and policy proposals, craft regulations, implement programs, and address management and budget challenges in these agencies. Over the 2009-2012 period, she served as Secretary Sebelius’ Counselor for Human Services Policy at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). At HHS, Parrott was a lead advisor on human services issues, including programs for low-income families and children, children who have been maltreated or are at risk of abuse, seniors and people with disabilities. Her work included a broad range of efforts, including early education, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), child support enforcement, child welfare, teen pregnancy prevention, community supports for seniors and people with disabilities, and the intersection of health reform and human services issues. Parrott previously worked at the Center from 1993 through August 2009 and over the 2012-2014 period.



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Jean Ross joined the Bernard and Anne Spitzer Charitable Trust in March 2019 as Senior Program Officer, managing the Trust’s Equitable Growth program. Prior to joining the Trust, Jean was the Principal of Jean Ross Policy | Strategy, a consulting firm that develops effective policy campaigns and builds strong organizations to lead them. Her clients included private foundations and leading international and U.S. nonprofit organizations with a focus on fiscal and economic policy issues. She formerly served as a Program Officer in the *Promoting Transparent, Effective, and Accountable Government* Initiative at the Ford Foundation, managing the Initiative’s U.S. and global grantmaking. From 1995 to March 2012, she served as the first executive director of the California Budget Project, a nationally respected budget and policy organization (renamed the California Budget and Policy Center in 2015). Jean has also worked as staff to the California State Assembly’s Revenue and Taxation and Human Services Committees and as assistant research director of the Service Employees International Union, where she coordinated the union’s research on fiscal and labor market policies. Jean’s areas of expertise include policy analysis and development, strategic communications, network building, and organizational development. She is known as an effective communicator with a talent for translating complex policy issues for diverse audiences. Jean received a MCP with an emphasis on regional economics from the University of California at Berkeley (UCB) and a BA from the University of California at Santa Cruz. She was named the 2013 Distinguished Alumnus of the Year by the UCB’s College of Environmental Design and was a Senior Fellow at the University of California, Los Angeles’ Luskin School of Public Affairs in 2000-2001. She has published numerous articles, opinion pieces, and policy reports in publications including the *New York Times* (online), Berkeley Public Policy Press, National Academy Press, Los Angeles Times, and other publications.



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Erica Williams is Senior Director of State Policy Initiatives with the Center’s State Fiscal Policy division. Erica oversees several of the division’s policy initiatives including on state EITCs, poverty reduction, juvenile justice, immigration, and racial, gender, and economic equity. She works closely with State Priorities Partnership organizations on these efforts. Prior to joining the Center in 2009, Williams worked as a Study Director at the Institute for Women’s Policy Research, where she researched a variety of issues of concern to women including equal pay, job training and education, early care and education, Social Security, and civic engagement. Williams holds a B.A. in Sociology and Spanish Studies from Santa Clara University and an M.A. in International Policy from the Monterey Institute of International Studies. *Follow on Twitter: @EricaWilli.*

PUBLIC BENEFITS INNOVATIONS AND EVOLUTION



Catherine Albisa, Executive Director, Partners for Dignity & Rights, cathy@dignityandrights.org

Cathy co-founded Partners for Dignity & Rights (formerly National Economic and Social Rights Initiative) along with Sharda Sekaran and Liz Sullivan in order to build legitimacy for human rights in general, and economic and social rights in particular. She is committed to a community-centered and participatory human rights approach that is locally anchored, but universal and global in its vision. Cathy has a background in constitutional and human rights, and significant expertise in reproductive justice, corporate accountability and economic and social rights. She has published extensively and served on boards as diverse as the Center for Constitutional Rights, the National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health, the International Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Network, and the Center for Social Inclusion, among others. She clerked for the Honorable Mitchell Cohen in the District of New Jersey. She received a BA from the University of Miami and is a graduate of Columbia Law School.



Rebecca Dixon, Executive Director, National Employment Law Project, rdixon@nelp.org

Rebecca Dixon is executive director of the National Employment Law Project (NELP). NELP is a respected leader in federal workers’ rights advocacy and the go-to resource for state and local worker movements, providing unmatched policy, legal, and technical assistance. As executive director, Rebecca leads NELP’s work to build and contribute to a strong workers’ rights movement that dismantles structural racism, eliminates economic inequality, and builds worker power. Rebecca’s motivation for advancing workers’ rights and commitment to economic justice is deeply rooted in her lived experience growing up in rural Mississippi at the intersection of race, class and gender—characteristics that have long defined our ability to participate in our democracy and

economy. Prior to becoming executive director, Rebecca served on NELP’s Executive Management team as chief of programs where she led the general management of all program areas, including strategy, planning, implementation, and evaluation. Rebecca was a leader in the organizational restructuring of NELP, implemented in 2017, which improved organizational effectiveness and ensured authentic integration of an anti-racist framework to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion, both internally and externally. Rebecca founded and led NELP’s Breaking Barriers Program that focuses on improving job access, wages and working conditions for Black workers in Mississippi and Louisiana. Rebecca previously served as a New York State Executive Fellow in the Office of the Governor where she worked on labor and civil rights policy. Rebecca earned a B.A. and M.A. in English from Duke University and a J.D. from Duke University School of Law.



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Anna Shireen Wadia is a senior program officer in the foundation’s Future of Work(ers) program, which seeks to ensure that there is a meaningful future of work that places workers and their well-being at the center. Anna has been with Ford since 2009. Her grant making has focused on improving economic security and the quality of jobs for low-wage workers and their families by supporting efforts to raise the minimum wage, guarantee paid sick days, and develop new paid family and medical leave programs. Anna was previously a consultant for the Annie E. Casey Foundation and Ms. Foundation for Women, the National Council for Research on Women, and MDRC. Prior to launching her consulting business, she was co-director of programs for the Ms. Foundation for Women, where she managed a funder collaborative focused on women’s economic development. Earlier in her career, she carried out community and economic development programming for the Ford Foundation and Catholic Relief Services in Africa. Anna co-authored *Kitchen Table Entrepreneurs: How Eleven Women Escaped Poverty and Became Their Own Bosses* (Westview, 2002), as well as several reports on best practices in grant making and women’s economic empowerment. Anna holds a master’s degree in public affairs from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University, and a bachelor’s degree from Yale University. *Follow on Twitter: @AnnaWadia.*

BUILDING EQUITY INTO THE TAX CODE

Part I: Field Panel



Melissa Boteach, Vice President for Income Security and Child Care/Early Learning, National Women’s Law Center, mboteach@nwlc.org

Melissa Boteach, Vice President for Income Security and Child Care/Early Learning, oversees NWLC’s advocacy, policy, and public education strategies to ensure that all women and families have the income and supports they need to thrive. Prior to joining NWLC, Melissa spent nearly a decade at Center for American Progress (CAP), where she founded and led the Poverty to

Prosperity Program, growing it from a team of 1 to 17, establishing projects to center the voices of low-income families; leading the team's message and narrative change work, overseeing intersectional advocacy campaigns, and developing bold ideas to cut poverty & expand opportunity that resulted in new legislation, executive actions, and other progress. Melissa also served as policy editor on The Shriver Report, a book and multimedia platform by Maria Shriver and Center for American Progress on the 1 in 3 U.S. women on the financial brink, and solutions to help them push back. Previously, she worked at The Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA), where she led interfaith antipoverty campaigns. She has testified before Congress and frequently serves as a media spokesperson on issues relating to economic opportunity. A Harry Truman and George J. Mitchell Scholar, Melissa has a Master's of Public Policy from The George Washington University, a master's of Equality Studies from University College Dublin where she studied women in social movements, and bachelor's degrees from University of Maryland in government and Spanish. *Follow on Twitter: @mboteach.*



Jeremie Greer, Co-Founder and Co-Executive Director, Liberation in a Generation, jeremie@liberationinageneration.org

Jeremie Greer has dedicated his life and career to the advancement of racial and economic justice. Growing up in the historically Black Rondo Neighborhood, in St. Paul, Minnesota, he has always been attuned to the intersection between race and economics. He began his career in the Columbia Heights and Shaw neighborhoods in Washington, DC, organizing youth and tenants to fight back against the economic forces rapidly gentrifying that community. Working at the national level in the federal government's premier policy agency, the Government Accountability Office (GAO), and at two national non-profits, the Local Initiative Support Corporation (LISC) and Prosperity Now (formerly CFED), he has become a national policy expert on the causes and the policy solutions to close racial wealth gap. Jeremie has a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from the University of St. Thomas, a Master's in Public Policy from George Mason University, and is currently working on an Executive Education Certificate in Nonprofit Leadership from Harvard University's Kennedy School.



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Michael Linden is the Executive Director of the Groundwork Collaborative. Michael was the inaugural Managing Director of Policy and Research at the Hub Project. Prior to joining the Hub Project, he was a senior policy adviser to Senator Patty Murray on the Budget Committee and then the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee. Before serving on Senator Murray's team, Michael was the managing director for economic policy at the Center for American Progress. Michael earned his master's degree in public policy from the Goldman School of Public Policy at the University of California, Berkeley, and his bachelor's from Brown University. He lives in Washington, D.C., with his wife and three children.

Part II: Funder-Led Table Discussions



Danielle Goonan, Director, Economic Policy Investments and Grantmaking, Equity & Economic Opportunity (USA), The Rockefeller Foundation, DGoonan@rockfound.org

For a decade, Danielle Goonan's work has focused on increasing pathways to opportunity for all Americans, improving the systems that serve them, and getting resources to communities that need them most. Currently, Danielle is a member of The Rockefeller Foundation's Equity & Opportunity team, overseeing investments that promote economic policies that benefit working people in the United States. Most recently, Danielle was responsible for a philanthropic grant portfolio at Walmart that focused on issues of employment technology, place-based systems change and employer practice change, and served as an advisor to Walmart's human resources and policy teams. Danielle was an appointee of the Obama Administration where she led strategic partnerships for the Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education. In this role, she worked with stakeholders in the corporate, labor and philanthropic sectors on behalf of the U.S. Department of Education. She was also led the Clinton Global Initiative's domestic education and skills development team with responsibilities that included managing the CGI U.S. Youth Employment Action Network in partnership with the Office of Secretary Clinton's JobOne program, overseeing the strategy of CGI America's education and skills working groups, and leading the growth of the workforce development portfolio of Commitments to Action. She received her MSc in International Relations from the London School of Economic and her undergraduate degree in American Studies summa cum laude from Dickinson College where she was a Posse Foundation Scholar and a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Danielle sits on the Humanity in Action U.S. Planning Board and was a Fulbright Scholar to Italy. She was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York.



Pierre Joseph, Program Officer, Solidago Foundation, pierrej@solidago.org

At the Solidago Foundation, Pierre works on the Climate and Inclusive Economies portfolios. He is interested in how emerging financing strategies, blended funding streams and democratized access to capital, can build wealth, expand opportunity, and increase economic mobility in underserved communities throughout the United States. Prior to joining the Solidago, Pierre worked as a policy analyst at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy. At HHS, Pierre staffed the National Advisory Committee on Rural Health and Human Services where he worked on many issues ranging from two generation approaches to child poverty, family implications of substance use disorder, and linking health systems transformation to the social determinants of health. Pierre earned his B.A. in political science from Amherst College, with a concentration in urban politics and policy. As an undergraduate, he worked as a community engagement advisor and public service internship coordinator at the Amherst College Center for Community Engagement. He also served as a teaching assistant for the Regulating Citizenship "inside-out" class, a blended community-based learning class taught at a local jail. In 2014, Pierre was named a Harry S. Truman Scholar. When he's not working, he enjoys reading, catching up on Netflix, and spending time with his family.



Jace Woodrum, Senior Officer of Public Opinion Insights, The Colorado Health Foundation, jwoodrum@coloradohealth.org

Jace Woodrum is a national expert on research and messaging, having worked on some of today’s most pressing policy issues – health equity, LGBTQ equality, and environmental racism. With experience in communications and advocacy, Jace brings a deep understanding of how to use strategic public opinion and messaging research to advance social change. Currently, Jace is a senior officer at the Colorado Health Foundation, the third largest health foundation in the country. In this role, he works with advocates across the state to understand the mindsets of Coloradans and develop messaging approaches that build support for health equity. Jace’s portfolio of public opinion research projects exceeds a million dollars annually. Previously, Jace worked for a decade in the movement for equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people. With leadership roles at the Gill Foundation, Equality Federation, and One Colorado, he led communications campaigns to advance marriage equality and nondiscrimination laws. Jace is originally from South Carolina and has lived in Colorado since 2010. Outside of work, Jace spends his time watching his four-year-old son learn to ice skate and planning for upcoming home renovations with his wife.

CLOSING



Jason Cone, Chief Public Policy Officer, Robin Hood, jcone@robinhood.org

Jason Cone is Chief Public Policy Officer for Robin Hood, the largest poverty-fighting organization in New York City. He leads Robin Hood’s efforts to influence government funding and policies that impact the ability of low-income New Yorkers to escape poverty. Prior to joining Robin Hood, he was the Executive Director of Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) in the United States. He was appointed Executive Director of the US section of MSF on June 1, 2015. He assumed leadership of MSF-USA following 11 years with the organization, including six-and-a-half as Communications Director. As Executive Director, he served as the chief spokesperson, government liaison, and fundraiser for the organization in the US. He led MSF’s engagement with the US government in the wake of the bombing of an MSF hospital in Afghanistan and during the global refugee crisis, as well as spearheaded campaigns to increase access to vaccines against pneumonia, a leading killer of children under five. In 2016, Cone was recognized by the Chronicle of Philanthropy as one of the top young non-profit leaders in the US in the publication’s “40 Under 40” list. He was nominated for a “News & Documentary” Emmy as executive producer of “Starved for Attention,” an eight-part documentary series on child malnutrition, in 2012. Prior to working at MSF, Cone worked as a writer for the Center for Reproductive Rights, an international women’s reproductive rights organization. Before joining the Center, he was a correspondent and editor at the Earth Time, covering the United Nations, World Bank, and other international institutions. Cone graduated from Franklin & Marshall College with a BA in biology and government. He also attended the Transnational NGO Leadership Institute at Syracuse University’s Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

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WELCOME AND REFLECTIONS

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BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE ECONOMY AND DEMOCRACY: POLICY AND PRACTICE



LaTosha Brown, Co-Founder, Black Voters Matter and Black Voters Matter Capacity Building Institute, latosha@blackvotersmatterfund.org

LaTosha Brown is an award-winning organizer, philanthropic consultant, political strategist and jazz singer with over twenty years of experience working in the non-profit and philanthropy sectors on a wide variety of issues related to political empowerment, social justice, economic development, leadership development, wealth creation and civil rights. She is the co-founder of Black Voters Matter Fund, a power building southern based civic engagement organization that played an instrumental role in the 2017 Alabama U.S. Senate race. Ms. Brown is principal owner of TruthSpeaks Consulting, Inc., a philanthropy advisory consulting firm in Atlanta, GA. For more than 25 years, she has served as a consultant and advisor for individual donors, government, public foundations and private donors. Throughout her career, Ms. Brown has distinguished herself as a trusted expert and resource in political strategy, rural development and special programming for a number of national and regional philanthropies. She is the founding project director of Grantmakers for Southern Progress.

KEY POLICY DEBATES AS WE HEAD INTO THE 2020 ELECTIONS



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Marcia Egbert is the Foundation's senior program officer for human services. Prior to joining the Foundation in 1998, she was vice president of the National Urban Policy Institute, a public interest policy analysis and lobbying organization in Columbus, Ohio. She also served as government relations director for the Cuyahoga County Commissioners and worked for the Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives. Marcia is active in a number of local, state and national philanthropic organizations including the Early Childhood Funders Collaborative, Economic Opportunity Funders, and the Health Taskforce of Philanthropy Ohio. She currently serves in leadership roles with the Ohio Transformation Fund, PRE4CLE (Cleveland's plan for high-quality pre-K), First Year Cleveland (infant mortality reduction coalition), Lead Safe Cleveland Coalition, and the Governor's Lead Advisory Committee; she is a trustee of the McGregor Foundation. Egbert is a two-time alumna of The Ohio State University, having received both B.A. and J.D. degrees from that institution.



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Mark Schmitt is the director of the Political Reform program at New America. Launched in 2014, this initiative seeks to develop new approaches to understanding and reforming the market for political power and the crisis of democratic governance. A prominent writer on politics and public policy with experience in government, philanthropy and journalism, Schmitt is an expert on political reform, budget and tax policy, and US social policy. From 2008 to 2011, Schmitt was the executive editor of *The American Prospect*, where he was a columnist beginning in 2005. During his tenure, the *Prospect* won numerous awards, including the Utne Reader award for Best Political Magazine. After leaving the *Prospect*, Schmitt was a senior fellow and advisor to the president at the Roosevelt Institute, a New York-based think tank. In a previous stint at New America, from 2005 to 2008, he also helped launch a major initiative on the next social contract and an innovative approach to campaign reform. From 1997 until 2005, Schmitt was the director of the Governance and Public Policy program at the Open Society Foundations, where he developed grantmaking and research programs on political reform and state-level policy. In the 1990s, he was a speechwriter and later policy director to Sen. Bill Bradley, working on issues including welfare reform, higher education, and urban policy, and he served as a senior advisor on Bradley's 2000 presidential campaign. Schmitt's political and policy analysis appeared frequently in *The New York Times* in 2016 and 2017, and he has written for *Time*, *The Washington Monthly*, *The Financial Times*, *The New York Times Book Review* and other print and web publications, including the Political Reform program's blog on Vox.com, *Polyarchy*. From 2003 through 2007, he published his own blog, *The Decembrist*, which was named by *Forbes* as one of the five best political blogs of its time. Schmitt grew up in New Haven, Conn., and graduated from Yale University. He lives in Washington, D.C. with his wife, Holly Yeager, and their daughter.

RESPONDING TO ATTACKS ON HEALTHCARE AND IMMIGRATION



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Marielena Hincapié serves as the executive director of the Los Angeles-based National Immigration Law Center (NILC) and the NILC Immigrant Justice Fund. With more than two decades of experience in the immigrants' rights movement, Hincapié has litigated key cases in defense of low-income immigrants including the *Contreras v Corinthian Vigor Insurance Brokerage* that established the legal precedent making it illegal for employers to retaliate against undocumented workers who exercise their workplace rights and other key cases at the intersection of immigration and labor law, and led national policy campaigns such as the creation and successful implementation of DACA. As an immigrant from Colombia, Hincapié brings a bilingual and bicultural perspective to her work in the social justice movement and frequently speaks with the media, including recent interviews with the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, Univisión, Telemundo, CNN, MSNBC, and many other outlets. Follow on Twitter: @MarielenaNILC and Facebook: @NILC



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Emily Stewart is the Executive Director of Community Catalyst. In this role, Emily oversees the overall direction of Community Catalyst's work to empower consumer voices in health and health care decision-making. She is responsible for the strategic, programmatic, financial and operational leadership of the organization, as well as for its 501 (c) 4 affiliate, the Community Catalyst Action Fund. Emily brings more than two decades of health care advocacy, campaign, and organizing experience to this role. Most recently, Emily served as the Vice President of Public Policy for Planned Parenthood Federation of America and Planned Parenthood Action Fund, where she led some of Planned Parenthood's most impactful strategic initiatives and campaigns to protect and expand access to sexual and reproductive health care, including

the I Stand with Planned Parenthood (ISWPP) campaign to defeat efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and “defund” Planned Parenthood. Emily oversaw Planned Parenthood’s ACA implementation advocacy, including the successful effort to guarantee no co-pay coverage for birth control for 60 million women in America. A recognized health care policy, finance, and delivery expert, Emily also led Planned Parenthood’s work to ensure the unique health care needs of people of reproductive age were being met, especially as the health care system undergoes sweeping change. Prior to her work at Planned Parenthood, Emily managed health policy and advocacy initiatives for a range of progressive organizations focused on advancing people’s health and rights. She lives in Boston, Massachusetts with her husband.