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 and Refreshments: 8:45-9:15.

Welcome: 9:15

James A. Donaldson, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences (invited)

Morning Session I: Jobs Proposal Presentations: 9:30-11:30

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: 11:45 – 1:30

Chair: 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

Morning Session Conversation
Howard University Economics Department Graduate Students Respond  
General Audience

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

Lunch Break: 1:30 – 2:30 Luncheon
Luncheon Speaker: Lorenzo Morris, “Political Possibilities at Midterm” (invited)  
Department of Political Science, Howard University
Afternoon Session: Strategic and Political Considerations 2:45-5:00

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
and Wellesley College
Elce Redmond South Austin Coalition, Chicago
Mel Rothenberg Chicago Political Economy Group,
and University of Chicago

Wrap-up 5:00

For further information contact: hkurban@howard.edu

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Howard University Campus Map
Directions to Howard University Campus

- **Traveling by metro train**
Take the Green Line and get off the train at the Shaw-Howard University Metro stop. Exit the train station and walk six blocks N on Georgia Ave. Make a right on Howard Place. You are now on the campus of Howard University.