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April 1 - 2, 2011

Reconnecting to Work

Consequences of Long-Term Unemployment and Prospects for Job Creation

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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Friday, April 1, 2011

2:00 - 2:30pm **Registration**

2:30 - 4:00pm **Welcome and Opening Plenary** (*Ackerman 2nd Floor Lounge*)

Till von Wachter, Columbia University – *The Long-Term Consequences of Job Loss*

Robert Pollin, University of Massachusetts – *The Full Employment Imperative*

4:00 - 4:15pm **Coffee Break**

4:15 - 5:45pm **Concurrent Sessions**

1A Networks/Local Markets (*Ackerman Room 2412*)

Lola Smallwood Cuevas, Black Workers Center, Center for Labor Research and Education, University of California, Los Angeles – *Los Angeles Black Workers Center*

Victor Narro, Center for Labor Research and Education, University of California, Los Angeles – *Sectoral Worker Center Networks and Improved Opportunities for Low-Wage and Immigrant Workers*

Farha Haq, U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs *Equal Employment Opportunity is the Law*

1B International Policy Comparisons (*Ackerman 2nd Floor Lounge*)

John Schmitt, Center for Economic and Policy Research – *Policy Responses to Long-Term Unemployed in the US and Europe*

Wayne Vroman, Urban Institute – *STC Worksharing: U.S. and Other Countries*

Michele Tiraboschi & Silvia Spattini, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Modena, Italy – *Measures to Tackle Long-Term Unemployment: The EU Member States Approaches*

1C Consequences of Long-Term Unemployment (*Kerckhoff State Room*)

Alissa Anderson, California Budget Project – *How the Other Half Fared: The Impact of the Great Recession on Women*

Linda Meric, 9to5 – *The Effects of Unemployment and the Recession on Women and People of Color: Challenges and Opportunities*

Ellen Sharp, University of California, Los Angeles – *The Impact of the Great Recession on Migrant Laborers in California: A Psychological Portrait*

5:45 - 7:00pm **Reception** (*Ackerman 2nd Floor Lounge*)

Saturday, April 2, 2011

8:15-8:45am **Continental Breakfast**

8:50-10:20am **Concurrent Sessions**

2A Demand-Side Policy and Job Creation (*Ackerman 2nd Floor Lounge*)

Robert Pollin, University of Massachusetts – *Reviving Manufacturing and Creating Good Jobs*

Daniel Villao, California Construction Academy, Center for Labor Research and Education, University of California, Los Angeles – *Industry Wise: Overcoming Challenges & Generating Demand for Green Construction Careers*

John Dencker & Marc Gruber, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign & Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne – *Public Policy Programs and the Transition from Unemployment to Self-Employment*

2B Characteristics of Long-Term Unemployment (*Kerckhoff State Room*)

Sylvia Allegretto, Institute for Research on Labor and Employment, University of California Berkeley – *The Composition of the Unemployed and Long-Term Unemployed in Tough Labor Markets*

Heidi Shierholz, Economic Policy Institute – *Has the Great Recession increased structural unemployment?*

David Karjanen, University of Minnesota – *Does Unemployment Predict Work in the Informal Economy or Does Work in the Informal Economy Predict Unemployment? Evidence from Three American Cities*

2C Communities and Economic Opportunity (*Ackerman Room 2412*)

Niki Dickerson von Lockette, Rutgers University – *Connecting Marginal Communities of Color to Job Opportunities: Barriers and Possibilities*

David Gyarmati and Jean-Pierre Voyer, Social Research and Demonstration Corporation, Canada – *Encouraging Work and Supporting Communities: Final Results from a National Demonstration Project*

Ellen Reese, University of California, Riverside – *Fighting Foreclosures in Los Angeles and Beyond*

10:30-12:00pm **Themed Plenary – Unemployment and Psychology** (*Ackerman 2nd Floor Lounge*)

Lauren Appelbaum, Institute for Research on Labor and Employment, University of California, Los Angeles – *Introduction: Psychological Impact of Long-term Unemployment*

Arthur H. Goldsmith, Washington and Lee University, **Timothy M. Diette**, Washington and Lee University, **Darrick Hamilton**, New School University, **William A. Darity Jr.**, Duke University – *Who are the Long-Term Unemployed and Is There a Psychological Footprint?*

Geoffrey Ho, Margaret Shih, & Daniel Walters, University of California, Los Angeles, Anderson school of Management – *The Psychological Stigma of Unemployment*

Ofar Sharone, Massachusetts Institute of Technology – *Why do Unemployed Americans Blame Themselves while Israeli's Blame the System?*

12:00-1:00pm **Lunch**

1:00-1:40pm **Keynote Speaker** (*Ackerman 2nd Floor Lounge*)

Richard Freeman, Harvard University, NBER, LSE
How Wall Street Stole Full Employment and Policies to Get it Back

1:50-3:20 **Concurrent Sessions**

3A Unemployment Insurance (*Ackerman 2nd Floor Lounge*)

George Wentworth, National Employment Law Project – *Unemployment Insurance and the Great Recession*

Jeffrey Wenger, University of Georgia – *Unemployment Insurance:*

3B Employer Side Studies (*Kerckhoff State Room*)

Yvonne Yen Liu, Applied Research Center – *Free Fall: The Lack of a Social Safety Net for the Last of California’s Autoworkers*

Hilbrand Oldenhuis & Louis Polstra, Hanze University Groningen, Netherlands – *Why would employers cooperate with social services?*

Frank Koller, Independent Writer, Formerly with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC), Canada – *The Competitive Advantages and Social Impacts of Formal Corporate No-Layoff Policies*

3:20-3:35pm **Coffee Break**

3:35-5:05pm **Themed Plenary – Job Quality, Not Just Job Quantity** (*Ackerman 2nd Floor Lounge*)

Julia Henly & Susan Lambert, University of Chicago, *Work Hours and Work Schedules as Dimensions of Job Quality*

Netsy Firestein, Labor Project for Working Families – *Expanding Minimum Labor Standards for Today’s Families*

John DeGraaf, *Take Back Your Time – Work-Time, Happiness and Sustainability*

5:05-5:20 **Closing** (*Ackerman 2nd Floor Lounge*)