The Future of Work

WPFP State Partners Policy Academy

AGENDA
June 4-5, 2015
Joyce Foundation, Chicago, IL

Meeting Objectives:

- Participants will gain a mental framework for understanding and discussing the various issues under the broad and multi-dimensional “future of work” concept.
- Participants will improve their understanding of 3 key areas concerning the future of work: the role of technology, business models, and worker rights/voice.
- Participants will learn about a range of state policy topics concerning the future of work and discuss short- and long-term policy options.

Background reading packet for policy academy:

Thursday, June 4

1:00 – 2:30 Welcome, Introductions and Framing - Maureen Conway and Vickie Choitz, Aspen Institute Economic Opportunities Program

2:30 – 3:00 What Do You Want to Learn in This Policy Academy? - exercise

3:00 – 3:15 Break

3:15 – 4:45 Role of Technology - Nell Abernathy, Roosevelt Institute

4:45 – 5:00 Wrap Up

Friday, June 5

9:00 – 9:15 Welcome Back; Announcements

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<td><strong>Worker Rights and Voice</strong> – <em>Saket Soni</em>, National Guestworker Alliance</td>
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<td><strong>State Policy Roundtable</strong> – Facilitated by Maureen and Vickie</td>
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Speaker Biographies

Maureen Conway is a Vice President of the Aspen Institute and Executive Director of the Institute's Economic Opportunities Program (EOP). Ms. Conway founded EOP’s Workforce Strategies Initiative (AspenWSI) and has headed up workforce research at the Aspen Institute since 1999. Maureen is a frequent featured speaker at conferences and is the author of numerous publications including research reports, case studies and policy briefs, including co-editing, together with Robert P. Giloth, the book, Connecting People to Work: Workforce Intermediaries and Sector Strategies, a collection that brings perspectives from philanthropy, policy, research, and practice, together to chart how sector-based workforce development has evolved and the implications for the future. Maureen’s previous experience includes consulting for the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in Paris and work for the U.S. Peace Corps, where she advised on the design, management, and evaluation of the organization’s economic development programs in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. Maureen has an M.B.A. from Columbia University, a Masters in Regional Planning from the University of North Carolina, and a B.A. in economics and mathematics from Holy Cross College. Follow her at @conway_maureen.

Vickie Choitz is the Associate Director of the Economic Opportunities Program at the Aspen Institute. She provides strategic research and leadership for a number of program initiatives to identify and advance strategies that help low-income Americans gain ground in today's labor market. Her primary focus is to advance the EOP's work to improve both the quality of low-wage jobs and career advancement opportunities simultaneously as a key strategy to address deepening economic inequality in America. Vickie has almost 15 years of experience in national organizations promoting economic security and career advancement opportunities for low-income workers and job seekers. She most recently worked at the Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP), where she was interim director of the Center for Postsecondary and Economic Success (C-PES) and director of the Alliance for Quality Career Pathways. Vickie also has worked at Jobs for the Future, the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning, and FutureWorks. She has a Masters of Public Policy degree from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and baccalaureate degrees in political science and secondary education from Kansas State University.

Saket Soni is the Executive Director and co-founder of the National Guestworker Alliance and the New Orleans Workers’ Center for Racial Justice. Saket has testified in Congress and authored numerous reports on civil and labor rights standards. He has crafted and led acclaimed campaigns on critical workers’ rights and immigrant rights issues that have won far-reaching organizing and policy victories and earned nationwide publicity, including being featured on front page of the New York Times. Saket’s writings have appeared in The Nation, Latino Journal, The Hill, and Talking Points Memo. Most recently, Saket is the convener of the New Worker Network, a national formation that is setting out to improve job quality, win job access, and design 21st century workforce development and safety net strategies for contingent workers. Saket has a BA in English Literature from the University of Chicago and hails from New Delhi, India.

Nell Abernathy is a Program Manager for the Roosevelt Institute where she focuses on U.S. economic issues, including financial regulation, fiscal policy, and innovation. In previous policy roles, she worked at the Clinton Global Initiative as working group manager for the advanced manufacturing portfolio, and at the Corporation for National and Community Service as deputy project director of the White House-led United We Serve campaign. Nell worked as an economics reporter in emerging markets including Nigeria, Ghana, Turkey, China and Abu Dhabi. She spent four years working in Democratic politics on political campaigns and in government for President Barack Obama, Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, and Los Angeles City Councilwoman Wendy Greuel. She holds an MA in International Finance and Economic Policy from Columbia University, and a BA from Brown University. Follow her @nellabernathy.