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**Joint Center  
Roundtable of the South  
June 2016**



**Jobs.  
Health.  
School to Prison Nexus.**

**June 21-23, 2016 | Washington, DC**

# AGENDA

## TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2016

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*(at GW Law)*

12:30-1 pm REGISTRATION AND LUNCH SERVED

1-2:30 pm ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT THEIR THOUGHTS ON JOBS, HEALTH, AND SCHOOL TO PRISON PIPELINE

### 3-5:30 pm • JOBS

3-4 pm SESSION I: Building Public/Private Partnerships for STEM Workforce Development  
API Researcher Carlos Rodriguez, PhD  
NTIA Director of Broadband Technology Opportunities Program Scott Woods

4:30-5:30 pm SESSION II: Developing the Future of STEM Education for Underrepresented Communities  
Sabio Coding Bootcamp Co-Founder & CEO Liliana Aide Monge

5:30-8 pm RECEPTION & DINNER: BUILDING CROSS-RACIAL COALITIONS  
LCLAA Executive Director & NHLA Chair Héctor E. Sanchez

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2016

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*(at GW Law and the White House)*

8-9 am BREAKFAST

### 9-11:30 am • BUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE

9-10 am PANEL I: Building State Leadership Pipeline for Emerging Leaders  
Latino Center for Leadership Development Executive Director Rebecca Acuña  
One Voice President & CEO Derrick Johnson, Esq.

10:30-11:30 am PANEL II: How Elected Officials Can Work Effectively with Philanthropy  
Open Society Foundation Program Officer Elizabeth Guernsey  
Living Cities Public Sector Innovation Assistant Director Ronda Jackson  
Southern Education Fund CEO Kent McGuire

11:30 am-12 pm Break & Get Lunch

### 12-3:20 pm • SCHOOL TO PRISON NEXUS

12-12:50 pm PANEL I: School Discipline  
Communities for Just Schools Fund Executive Director Allison Brown  
Advancement Project Director Judith Browne Dianis  
U.S. Dept. of Justice Civil Rights Division Educational Opportunities Section Chief Shaheena Simons

1:20-2:10 pm PANEL II: Disconnected Youth & Juvenile Justice  
Communities for Just Schools Fund Executive Director Allison Brown

Annie E. Casey Foundation Strategic Initiative Director Patrice Cromwell  
National League of Cities Justice Reform & Youth Engagement Program Manager Laura Furr

**2:30-3:20 pm** **PANEL III: Preventing Gun Violence While Reducing Incarceration & Invasive Policing**  
Joyce Foundation Gun Violence Prevention Program Officer Jessyca Dudley  
Center for American Progress Vice President of Guns and Crime Policy Chelsea Parsons

**4-6 pm** **WHITE HOUSE BRIEFING**  
Deputy Assistant to the President and White House Director of Intergovernmental Affairs  
Jerry Abramson  
White House Associate Director of Intergovernmental Affairs Elias Alcantara  
White House Associate Director of Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Engagement Alissa Ko

Wine and cheese will be available for the elected officials at the George Washington University Inn following the briefing.

## EVENING ON YOUR OWN

## THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2016

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*(on Capitol Hill at VFW, 200 Maryland Avenue, NE, across the street from the Hart U.S. Senate Office Bldg.)*

**8:30 am** **BREAKFAST SERVED**

### 9 am–12 pm • HEALTH EQUITY

**9-9:50 am** **SESSION I: The Culture of Health & Health Equity**  
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Director, Health Equity Portfolio, and Senior Advisor to the President  
Dwayne C. Proctor, PhD

**10:05-11:50 am** **SESSION II: Flint & Safe Water**  
Brief Remarks: U.S. Senator Gary Peters (D-MI)  
U.S. Congressman Dan Kildee (D-MI; represents Flint)  
  
Panel: National Urban League Sr. Vice President for Policy & Executive Director of the Washington Bureau Don Cravins, Jr., Senior Environmental Protection Specialist Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Carlton Eley, Black Chamber of Commerce Rodney Emery, Senator James Ananich (D-MI) COS John Mulcrone

**12-1 pm** **LUNCH WITH U.S. SENATORS & TOP STAFF FROM THE SOUTH**  
Honorary Co-Chairs are U.S. Senator Thom Tillis (R-NC) and U.S. Senator Tim Scott (R-SC).  
Co-hosted by the Joint Center & INSIGHT America.

**1-2:30 pm** **GENERAL WRAP UP**

*GW Law activities will be held at the GW Law Faculty Conference Center, Burns 505 (Fifth Floor),  
716 20th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20052 (between H & G Streets, NW)*

## **JUNE 2016 ROUNDTABLE PARTICIPANTS**

Tennessee Representative Karen D. Camper

Tampa, Florida City Council Transportation Committee Chair Yvonne Yolie Capin

El Portal, Florida Mayor Claudia Cubillos

Forth Worth, Texas Mayor Pro Tem Sal Espino

Memphis, Tennessee City Council Vice-Chair Edmund Ford, Jr.

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Arkansas House Assistant Speaker Pro Tem Monte Hodges

Osceola County, Florida Commission Chairwoman Viviana Janer

North Bay, Florida Mayor Connie Leon-Kreps

Charlotte, North Carolina Mayor Pro Tem Vi Lyles

North Miami Beach, Florida City Councilwoman Marlen Martell

Brownsville, Texas Mayor Tony Martinez

Kentucky Senate Minority Caucus Chair Gerald Neal

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South Carolina House Minority Leader Todd Rutherford

Georgia Senate Democratic Caucus Chair Horcena Tate

Texas Representative Hubert Vo

Mississippi Senator Tammy Witherspoon

Texas Representative Gene Wu

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## Recent Joint Center Activities

Some recent highlights include

- A Bipartisan Breakfast Series
  - U.S. House Ways & Means Committee Chairman Kevin Brady
  - U.S. House Agriculture Committee Chairman Mike Conaway
  - U.S. Secretary of Education John B. King, Jr.
  - U.S. House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy
  - U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell
  - U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack
- Think Tank Leaders Luncheons
- Rural Mayors of the South Roundtable in Selma, Alabama
- A report on Diversity Among Top Senate Staff
- A major report on reducing gun violence
- The 2016 Technology Summit in partnership with the African American Mayors Association
- Welcoming three new full-time staff members

Plans for the remainder of 2016 include

- December Roundtable with leading elected officials
- A series of policy briefs and videos
- Additional Bipartisan Leaders Breakfasts
- Coordinating organizations of color on federal transition issues
- Updating our roster of 11,000 black elected officials
- Updating our platform for public opinion research of people of color

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