Welcome

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Devin Simpson is a Senior Associate at the Hatcher Group, where she serves as Deputy Director of Tax Credits for Workers and Their Families (TCWF). TCWF is a national communications initiative working to promote tax credits for low-wage workers, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit, the Child Tax Credit, and the Child and Dependent Care Credit. Devin holds a bachelor’s degree in public relations from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill’s Hussman School of Journalism and Media.

Introductory Remarks

Gary Cunningham, President and CEO, Prosperity Now
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Gary joined Prosperity Now as President and CEO in August 2019. Prosperity Now’s mission is to ensure that everyone in our country has a clear path to financial stability, wealth and prosperity. Previously, Gary was the President and CEO of the Metropolitan Economic Development Association (Meda) since August 18, 2014. Under Gary’s leadership, Meda was recognized as the top minority business development organization in the United States for four consecutive years by the U.S. Department of Commerce. Meda also established the largest pitch competition for entrepreneurs of color in the country, the Meda Million Dollar Challenge.

Prior to joining Meda, Gary served as Vice President and Chief Program Officer for the Northwest Area Foundation, where he was responsible for carrying out the foundation’s mission to help communities reduce poverty in an eight-state region of the United States. Gary also formerly served as the President and Chief Executive Officer for NorthPoint Health and Wellness Center in Minneapolis, where he designed and successfully led a renewal effort to create the largest and most successful community health and human service organization in Minnesota.

Gary earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in public policy from Metropolitan State University and a Master of Public Administration from Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government.

Keynote Speakers

IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig
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The 49th Commissioner of the IRS, Commissioner Chuck Rettig, presides over the nation’s tax system, which collects approximately $3.4 trillion in tax revenue each year. This revenue funds most government operations and public services. Commissioner Rettig manages an agency of about 80,000 employees and a budget of approximately $11 billion.
In leading the IRS, Mr. Rettig is focused on improving service to the nation’s taxpayers, balancing appropriate enforcement of the nation's tax laws while respecting taxpayer rights.

Previously, Commissioner Rettig was with the law firm of Hochman, Salkin, Rettig, Toscher & Perez for more than 36 years representing thousands of individuals, businesses and corporate taxpayers before the IRS, the Department of Justice Tax Division, federal and state courts, and state taxing authorities.

Commissioner Rettig has held leadership roles in a number of professional organizations, most recently serving as the Vice Chair of Administration for the American Bar Association’s Section of Taxation, and the President of the American College of Tax Counsel. He was a member of the IRS Advisory Council (IRSAC) for three years beginning in 2008 and served as IRSAC’s chair from 2010 to 2011. Commissioner Rettig also served as Chair of the Taxation Section of the State Bar of California and has served on the advisory boards of both the Franchise Tax Board and the Board of Equalization in his home state of California.

Rep. Danny K. Davis (D-IL-07)
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Congressman Danny Davis from the 7th district of Illinois has distinguished himself as an articulate voice for his constituents and as an effective legislator able to move major bills to passage, such as his work on the passage of the bipartisan VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) Permanence Act. Congressman Davis is on the Committee on Ways and Means and a member of several Congressional Caucuses including the Congressional Black Caucus, the Progressive Caucus, the Urban Caucus, the Community Health Center's Caucus, the Congressional Caucus on Black Men and Boys and Co-Chair of the Congressional Caucus on Re-entry.

In the 116th Congress, Congressman Davis is resolutely committed to preserving our democracy, protecting social security, maintaining our nation’s gains in civil and human rights, women’s rights, voting rights, protection of the environment, consumer and labor protections, reducing inequality, and ensuring quality, affordable health care for all, while maintaining his long time focus on issues of job creation, poverty, health care, education, youth and criminal justice reform.

Prior to his election to Congress, Congressman Davis served on the Cook County Board of Commissioners, having been elected in November 1990 and reelected in November 1994. Previously, he served for eleven years as a member of the Chicago City Council as Alderman of the 29th Ward. Before seeking public office, Congressman Davis was an educator, community organizer, health administrator and civil rights advocate. He has received hundreds of awards and citations for outstanding work in the areas of health, education, human relations, politics and advocacy, including six honorary Doctorate Degrees.

Panelists

Mary Arthur, President and CEO, Campaign for Working Families
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Mary Arthur currently serves as the President and CEO for the Campaign for Working Families, Inc. (CWF), a Philadelphia-based nonprofit organization committed to helping individuals and families achieve economic stability. In this role she has led systemic change, establishing the provision of VITA to serve as a gateway to economic stability.
Additionally, through Mary’s leadership Campaign for Working Families acquired its 501(c)(3) status and increased its service area to include the entire Philadelphia region (including Delaware and Montgomery counties) and five counties (Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May and Cumberland) in Southern New Jersey.

Campaign for Working Families’ expansion efforts have led to significant increases year over year and in 2019 resulted in 26 strategic organization partnerships, training over a thousand (1,000) volunteers, operating thirty-seven (37) VITA sites, preparing over 37,000 tax returns and putting more than $46 million back into those taxpayers' households.

Chye-Ching Huang, Senior Director for Economic Policy, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities
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Chye-Ching Huang is Senior Director for Economic Policy with the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities’ Federal Fiscal Policy team, where she focuses on the fiscal and economic effects of federal tax and budget policy. She rejoined the Center in July 2011 after working as a senior lecturer at the University of Auckland in New Zealand, where she taught graduate and undergraduate tax law and conducted research in tax law and policy. She has also practiced as a tax solicitor. She holds an LLM from Columbia Law School and a bachelor of commerce in economics and a bachelor of laws from the University of Auckland in New Zealand.

Aparna Mathur, Resident Scholar, American Enterprise Institute
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Aparna Mathur is a resident scholar in economic policy studies at the American Enterprise Institute, where she researches income inequality and mobility, tax policy, labor markets and small businesses. She also directs the AEI-Brookings Project on Paid Family and Medical Leave, for which she was recognized in the 2017 Politico 50 list.

Dr. Mathur has been published in several top scholarly journals and in the popular press on issues of policy relevance. Her work has been cited in academic journals and leading news outlets such as Bloomberg Businessweek, Financial Times, The Economist and The Wall Street Journal. She has also testified several times before Congress, and government organizations such as the Congressional Research Service and the Congressional Budget Office have cited her work in their own reports to Congress.

The holder of a PhD and an MA in economics from the University of Maryland, College Park, Dr. Mathur also has an MA in economics from the Delhi School of Economics and a BA from Hindu College at Delhi University in India.

David Newville, Vice President of Policy and Research, Prosperity Now (Moderator)
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David Newville is the Vice President of Policy and Research at Prosperity Now, where he oversees federal, state and local policy and advocacy work, along with applied research. Previously, David was Prosperity Now’s Director of Federal Policy.

Prior to joining Prosperity Now, he was a Senior Policy Advisor in the U.S. Department of the Treasury’s Office of Consumer Policy. His work focused on emerging payments innovations, consumer financial protection regulations, small-dollar credit products and financial inclusion issues. Before that, he was a Policy Manager at the Center for Financial Services Innovation (CFSI), where he focused on financial services policies for underserved consumers in specific areas.
such as prepaid debit cards, nonbank financial regulation, small-dollar credit and financial access barriers. He also worked on improving tax, savings and financial services policies for low- and moderate-income individuals, in the Asset Building Program at the New America Foundation.

Before coming to D.C., David worked on state policy and advocacy issues related to child care, early childhood education and health care at Illinois Action for Children and was a producer at WBEZ, Chicago Public Radio. David has a Master of Public Policy degree from the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan and a B.A. from Grinnell College.

**Dan Turrentine, Vice President & Chief Government Affairs Officer, H&R Block**
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Dan Turrentine has been in Washington, D.C. for 19 years and in 2017 became the Chief Government Relations Officer at H&R Block. In this role, he oversees all Federal and State government relations (except for the IRS), company policy development and government-related public affairs engagement. Prior to running the office, Dan was a Director of Government Relations at H&R Block, overseeing House and Senate Democrats. Before H&R Block, Dan was Chief of Staff to Congressman Jared Polis (D-CO).

From 2010-2013, Dan was Vice President of Government Affairs at TechNet, the CEO-led technology trade association, where he oversaw all Federal government relations, policy development and public affairs.

From 2001-2010, Dan was a Democratic fundraiser, working for several candidates, including running national fundraising for Hillary Rodham Clinton, committees, such as the Democratic National Committee (DNC), and think thanks, like Third Way.

Dan is a graduate of Lafayette College and lives in Glover Park, D.C. with his ten-year-old son.