

The Payoff of Higher Education: Value, Variation, and Trends

Monday, February 24, 2014

12:00 to 2:00 pm

12:00 – 12:30 PM Registration and Networking Lunch

12:30–12:35 PM Opening Remarks, Sarah Rosen Wartell, president, Urban Institute

12:35–2:00 PM Panel Discussion and Q&A

Despite visible examples of college graduates facing difficulties in the labor market, the data are clear on the benefits of getting a college degree. Going to college increases earnings, reduces the chances of unemployment, and opens doors to many opportunities. But there is considerable variation in outcomes. It is important to understand the range of experiences, the multiple options for measuring the benefits of education, and the changes over time in the payoff of higher education.

Moderator:

- **Michael McPherson**, president, Spencer Foundation

Panelists:

- **Sandy Baum**, senior fellow, Urban Institute and research professor of education policy, George Washington University
- **Jared Bernstein**, senior fellow, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities
- **Stephanie Cellini**, associate professor of Public Policy, Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration, George Washington University
- **Lauren Eyster**, senior research associate, Urban Institute

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