The Color of Wealth in the Nation’s Capital

Speaker Biographies

Rachel Marie Brooks Atkins is a doctoral candidate at the Milano School of International Affairs, Management, and Urban Policy at The New School. Her research focuses on innovation and racial disparities in entrepreneurship. Atkins has worked as a researcher and analyst in economics, public policy, and urban economic development at private consulting firms and academic research centers. Her experience includes assisting academic researchers; constructing, managing, and analyzing large datasets; conducting economic impact analysis; developing cost-benefit models; and conducting racial disparity studies. Atkins earned a BA in economics from West Chester University of Pennsylvania. She also earned a master’s degree in government from the University of Pennsylvania and a master’s degree in public administration from New York University.

Angelyque Campbell is manager of the policy analysis unit in the Division of Consumer and Community Affairs at the Federal Reserve Board in Washington, DC. She manages the analysis of trends, policies, and emerging issues in the financial services marketplace that have impact on consumers and communities. Campbell previously was the senior manager of community affairs at the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. Before joining the Federal Reserve System, she was a senior community development specialist at the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), where she managed fair housing projects and developed local revitalization strategies for cities and rural communities under desegregation consent orders in Texas. Campbell also worked in community reinvestment and consumer protection law for national and state nonprofit organizations, including Consumers Union, the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, and Legal Aid of Central Texas. Campbell received her bachelor’s degree from Southwestern University in Texas and a master’s degree in public administration and juris doctorate from the University of Texas at Austin. She also earned an executive master’s degree in business administration from the University of Richmond.

William A. “Sandy” Darity Jr. is the Samuel DuBois Cook professor of public policy, African and African American studies, and economics, and director of the Duke Consortium on Social Equity at Duke University. He was the founding director of the Research Network on Racial and Ethnic Inequality at Duke. Darity’s research focuses on inequality by race, class, and ethnicity; stratification economics; schooling; and the racial achievement gap. He received the Samuel Z. Westerfield Award in 2012 from the National Economic Association, the organization’s highest honor.

Darrick Hamilton is director of the doctoral program in public and urban policy, and jointly appointed as an associate professor of economics and urban policy at the Milano School of International Affairs, Management, and Urban Policy and the Department of Economics in The New School for Social Research at The New School. He is also president of the National Economic Association. Hamilton is a stratification economist, who examines the causes, consequences, and remedies of racial and ethnic inequality in economic and health outcomes, which includes an examination of the intersection of identity, racism, colorism, and socioeconomic outcomes.
Kilolo Kijkazi is an Institute fellow and director of the Integrated Financial Coaching Project at the Urban Institute, where she works with staff to develop collaborative partnerships with organizations and individuals who represent those most affected by the economic and social issues Urban addresses, expand and strengthen Urban’s rigorous research agenda on issues affecting these communities, effectively communicate the findings of Urban’s research to diverse audiences, and recruit and retain more diverse research staff at all levels. Before joining Urban, Kijkazi was a program officer at the Ford Foundation, focusing on building economic security for working families and on incorporating the expertise of people of color into all aspects of the work, including research, policy, and practice. Before that, she was a senior policy analyst for the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, where she specialized in Social Security, participated in a White House conference on Social Security, and testified before Congress. She was also a program analyst for the US Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service. Kijkazi holds a BS from the State University of New York at Binghamton, an MSW from Howard University, and a PhD in public policy from the George Washington University.

George Derek Musgrove is an associate professor of history at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. He teaches courses in post-WWII United States history with an emphasis on African American politics. He is the author of Rumor, Repression, and Racial Politics: How the Harassment of Black Elected Officials Shaped Post-Civil Rights America. He is the author with Chris Myers Asch of the forthcoming Chocolate City: Race and Democracy in the Nation’s Capitol, and several popular and scholarly articles on post–civil rights era and Washington, DC, politics. He received his PhD in US history from New York University.

Aracely Panameño is director of Latino affairs at the Center for Responsible Lending. She works on financial services issues affecting the financial security and well-being of Latinos and other communities of color. Panameño has helped formulate policy recommendations, foster stakeholder coalitions, and educate decisionmakers. Her expertise in financial services is in mortgages, auto, payday lending, and student loans. She also authors Enfoque, a quarterly Spanish-language newsletter focusing on issues affecting Latinos in financial markets. She is an adviser and member of the Insight Center for Community Economic Development’s Experts of Color Network/Closing the Racial Wealth Gap Initiative. Before joining the Center for Responsible Learning, Panameño worked on Latina women’s health, migrant workers, education, and immigration issues.

Mark Paul is a research associate at the Samuel DuBois Cook Center on Social Equity and teaches economics at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. He is also a research fellow for Economics for Equity and Environment, where he works on the Future Economy Initiative. Paul’s work focuses on inequality by race, class, and gender; environmental economics; and applied microeconomics. His work has been featured in major publications, including the American Prospect, Washington Post, and US News and World Report. Paul’s work has been supported by the Institute for New Economic Thinking, E3 Network, Political Economy Research Institute, and the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Anne Price was recently appointed as the first woman president of the Insight Center for Community Economic Development. She has spent over 25 years working in the public sector on child welfare, hunger, welfare reform, workforce development, community development, and higher education. She has worked across the country to improve systems, practices, and policies aimed at struggling families
and neglected communities of color. Price leads the Closing the Racial Wealth Gap initiative at the Insight Center, bringing the racial wealth gap into mainstream consciousness with an explosion of media coverage quantifying racial differences in wealth accumulation. She holds a bachelor’s degree in economics from Hampton University and a master’s degree in urban affairs and public policy from the Milano School of International Affairs, Management, and Urban Policy.

Sarah Scruggs is deputy executive director at Manna Inc., a DC-based nonprofit affordable housing developer, educator, and property manager. As cochair of the Ownership Working Group at the Coalition for Nonprofit Housing and Economic Development, she spearheaded advocacy efforts that doubled DC’s Home Purchase Assistance Program budget to $16 million and increased maximum loan amounts to $80,000. She works with over 100 DC residents and housing practitioners from all eight wards through Manna’s Housing Advocacy Team, supporting affordable homeownership and responsible banking issues. From 2012 to 2015, Scruggs coordinated Manna’s $7 million CityLIFT down payment assistance program, creating 350 new low- to moderate-income homeowners across Washington, DC, and Prince George’s County, Maryland. Scruggs’s advocacy and nonprofit experience grew out of extensive work on Middle Eastern issues. She graduated with a master’s degree from American University’s International Peace and Conflict Resolution program.

Peter A. Tatian is a senior fellow in the Urban Institute’s Metropolitan Housing and Communities Policy Center. He researches housing policy and community development. Tatian leads NeighborhoodInfo DC, a neighborhood data system and civic engagement tool for the District of Columbia that is part of Urban’s National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership. He also advises nonprofits on performance management and evaluation, and heads Urban’s work providing technical assistance on data collection and use to grantees of the US Department of Education’s Promise Neighborhoods initiative. Tatian directed the evaluation of the National Foreclosure Mitigation Counseling program, which has provided counseling services to over one million troubled homeowners. He has also studied the impacts of public and supportive housing on neighborhoods and has worked on housing policy reform in eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

Margery Austin Turner is senior vice president for program planning and management at the Urban Institute, where she leads efforts to frame and conduct a forward-looking agenda of policy research. A nationally recognized expert on urban policy and neighborhood issues, Turner has analyzed residential location, racial and ethnic discrimination and its contribution to neighborhood segregation and inequality, and the role of housing policies in promoting residential mobility and location choice. Among her recent publications is the book Public Housing and the Legacy of Segregation. Before joining Urban, Turner was deputy assistant secretary for research at HUD from 1993 through 1996, focusing HUD’s research agenda on the problems of racial discrimination, concentrated poverty, and economic opportunity in America’s metropolitan areas. During her tenure, HUD’s research office launched three major social science demonstration projects to test different strategies for helping families from distressed inner-city neighborhoods gain access to opportunities through employment and education. Turner has a BA in political science from Cornell University and an MA in urban and regional planning from the George Washington University.
Sarah Rosen Wartell became president of the Urban Institute in 2012 and is the third president since Urban was founded in 1968. During her tenure, Urban has articulated its strategy to “elevate the debate” by bringing more of its research insights to federal, state, and local government and practice; becoming a leader in research communications and data visualization; and undertaking an ambitious program of business systems and technology modernization. Previously, Wartell was deputy assistant to the president for economic policy and deputy director of the National Economic Council. At the US Department of Housing and Urban Development from 1993 to 1998, she advised the federal housing commissioner on housing finance, mortgage markets, and consumer protection. Later, she was a consultant to the bipartisan Millennial Housing Commission. After government service, Wartell was the founding chief operating officer and then executive vice president of the Center for American Progress. Her work focused on the economy and housing markets, and she directed the Mortgage Finance Working Group and "Doing What Works" government performance program. Before her tenure in government, she practiced law with the Washington, DC, firm Arnold & Porter. Wartell serves on the boards of the Low Income Investment Fund, Center for Law and Social Policy, and Center for Urban Science and Progress at New York University. She is also a Penn Institute for Urban Research Scholar. Her areas of expertise include community development, consumer finance, asset building, and housing finance. Wartell has an AB degree with honors in urban affairs from Princeton University’s Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. She has a JD degree from Yale Law School.