

BRIDGING THE DIVIDE

Forging the Ties Between Rural and Urban America

Wednesday, April 10 (Students Only)

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Check-in and Student-only Breakfast

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Dialogue Across Difference Workshop with Urban Rural Action

Joe Bubman and Deborah Tien, Urban Rural Action.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Student Lunch and Presentation from UChicago Policy Challenge Winning Team

1:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Chicago Site Visits featuring Rural Practitioners (Off-site, Students and Invited Guests Only)

A. Real Estate and Community Wealth: Investing Where the Market Won't

North Lawndale Walking Tour. Xavior Lewis and Chris Eagan, The Fillmore Project; Lori Bonin and Brett Reese, REVocity.

B. Responding to Violence: Models of Community Response and Care

The University of Chicago Medicine Trauma Center. Christine Goggins, Lead Violence Recovery Specialist at UChicago Medicine; Lynnette Grey Bull, Not Our Native Daughters.

C. Artists as Catalysts: Unlocking Our Civic Imaginations

Lawndale Pop-up Spot. Chelsea Ridley and Jonathan Kelley, Lawndale Pop-up Spot; Ashley Hanson, Department of Public Transformation.

D. Food and Entrepreneurship: The Role of Agriculture in Community Life

The Hatchery, West Garfield Park. Bruce Tiffany, Tiffany Farms.

E. Culture as a Community Development Tool: One Size Doesn't Fit All

Englewood Bus Tour. Tonika Lewis Johnson, Folded Map Project; Taylor Stuckert, Lead for America.

Wednesday, April 10 (Public Programming)

5:00 p.m. - 5:20 p.m.

Is the Urban-Rural Divide a Real Thing?

Daniel Shea and Nicholas Jacobs, Authors of "The Rural Voter: The Politics of Place and the Disuniting of America."

5:25 p.m. - 6:25 p.m.

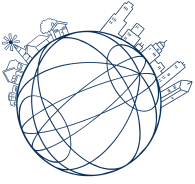
Transforming Narratives: What We All Get Wrong About the Urban-Rural Divide

Sarah Smarsh, Author of "Heartland;" Rhymefest, Humanitarian and Songwriter. Moderated by Mary Louise Kelly, Host of NPR's All Things Considered.

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Reception with Department of Public Transformation Urban + Rural Connect

Sky Suite at the Keller Center



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Check-in and Breakfast

9:00 a.m. - 10:05 a.m.

We Need Each Other: Urban-Rural Interdependence

Doug Ducey, former Governor of Arizona; Xochitl Torres Small, U.S. Deputy Secretary of Agriculture; Tony Pipa, Brookings Institution. Moderated by Institute of Politics Director Heidi Heitkamp.

10:10 a.m. - 11:05 a.m.

The Great American Loneliness: Health Disparities and Deaths of Despair in America

Beth Macy, Author of "Dopesick;" Dale King, Owner of PSKC CrossFit; Dr. Ngozi Ezike, President & CEO of Sinai Health System. Moderated by Abby Goodnough, The New York Times.

11:10 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. What Realities Are We Reading: Local News Deserts and Polarization

Jeff Zeleny, CNN; Tim Marema, The Daily Yonder; Silvia Rivera, Director of the Local News Program at the MacArthur Foundation. Moderated by Institute of Politics Founding Director David Axelrod.

12:20 p.m. - 1:20 p.m.

Lunch & Practitioner Break-out Groups: A New Paradigm for Urban-Rural Relationships

GROUP 1 - Investing in Our People: Workforce Development for Inclusive Economic Transitions

Rubenstein Forum, Room 504. Bonita Robertson-Hardy, Aspen Institute Community Strategies Group; Ann Lichter, Resource Rural at the Heartland Fund; Andrew Wells, Chicago Urban League.

GROUP 2 - New Approaches to Economic Development

Rubenstein Forum, Room 502. Chrystal Cornelius, Oweesta Corporation; Baylen Campbell, Invest Appalachia; Ghian Foreman, Emerald South Economic Development Collaborative.

GROUP 3 - Building Lasting Relationships Across the Urban-Rural Divide

Rubenstein Forum, University Room. Anna Claussen, Voices for Rural Resilience; Savannah Barrett, Kentucky Rural-Urban Exchange.

GROUP 4 - Finding Shared Policy Solutions

Rubenstein Forum, Room 501. Taylor Stuckert, Lead For America; Julie Tesch, Center for Rural Policy and Development; Sister Simone Campbell, Nuns on the Bus.

1:30 p.m. - 2:25 p.m.

A Policy Debate: Should Economists Care About Place?

Samuel Hammond, Foundation for American Innovation; Brad Hershbein, Upjohn Institute for Employment Research. Moderated by Matt Yglesias, Slow Boring.

2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Networking Break

3:00 p.m. - 3:55 p.m.

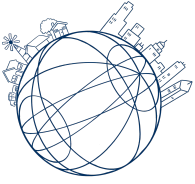
Politics as Religion: The Role of Faith in a Secularizing America

Eboo Patel, Interfaith America; Russell Moore, Christianity Today. Moderated by Tim Alberta, *The Atlantic*.

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

We Are What We Eat: The Urban-Rural Food System

Janie Hipp, Native Agriculture Financial Services; Ertharin Cousin, World Food Programme; Lamar Moore, Bronzeville Winery. Moderated by Monica Eng, Axios Chicago.



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8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Check-in and Breakfast

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

The Power of Place and Particularity: When We Trust the Virtual World Over Our Own Backyard

Grace Olmstead, Author of "Uprooted." Moderated by Benya Kraus Beacom, Lead for America.

9:35 a.m. - 10:35 a.m.

Our Fraying Common Purpose: Rebuilding Democracy One Neighborhood at a Time

Stephen Heintz, Rockefeller Brothers Fund; Michael Smith, AmeriCorps; Whitney Kimball Coe, Center for Rural Strategies. Moderated by IOP Executive Director Zeenat Rahman.

10:40 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.

Changing the Narrative at the Grassroots - From Divide to Solidarity

Whitley Yates, Indiana Republican Party; Manu Meel, BridgeUSA; Benji Backer, American Conservation Coalition. Moderated by Michael Strautmanis, Obama Foundation.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

How Lawmakers Can Still Find Common Legislative Ground in Polarized Times

Rob Portman, Former U.S. Senator from Ohio; Joe Manchin, U.S. Senator from West Virginia. Moderated by Manu Raju, CNN.

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