
From: Irvine, Mary
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To: gnichol
Subject: Join us for "Poverty, Partnerships and the Public Good" - RSVP requested

October 9, 2013

Dear Gene:

You are invited to participate in the upcoming forum: **"Poverty, Partnerships and the Public Good: A Call for Engagement by North Carolina Institutions"** – to be held on November 25th in Chapel Hill. This small gathering of select invitees will be hosted by the UNC Center on Poverty, Work and Opportunity and the UNC Program on Public Life. We hope you can join us.

The last decade has presented notable challenge in North Carolina. Even as the economy grew, before 2008, poverty and economic inequality became more pronounced. Then, with the unfolding of deep and wounding recession, economic hardship mushroomed and prospects for recovery and enhancement proved slow and illusive. Our poverty, unemployment, food insecurity, and uninsured rates rose to among the worst in the nation.

Against this stubborn backdrop, in 2013, the North Carolina General Assembly altered the political and economic landscape markedly. Major changes in taxation, health care, economic development, unemployment compensation, public education, government benefits, and an array of other programs were initiated. The impact on low income North Carolinians may prove enormous.

We convene this initial set of intimate discussions to explore obligations, strategies and opportunities for various North Carolina advocates, service providers, institutions, universities, and funders – private and public – to address the challenges faced by low income North Carolinians. The forum, as set forth below, will be organized into four panels that we hope will trigger active discussions among the 50 or so invitees. Lunch will be provided.

Please confirm your participation with Mary Irvine at poverty_center@unc.edu by November 1.

Sincerely,

Gene R. Nichol

Boyd Tinsley Distinguished Professor and Director,
Center on Poverty, Work & Opportunity
UNC School of Law

**Poverty, Partnerships and the Public Good:
A Call for Engagement by North Carolina Institutions**
November 25, 2013, 9:00 – 2:30 p.m.
University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill, Carroll Hall, Freedom Forum Conference Room

Welcome

Gene Nichol, Director, *UNC Center on Poverty, Work and Opportunity*

9:00-10:00 Panel 1: The 2013 Legislative Session and Its Impact on Low Income North Carolinians

Rev. Curtis Gatewood, *Moral Monday and HK on J Coalition Coordinator, NC-NAACP*

Leoneda Inge, *Changing Economy Reporter, NC Public Radio, WUNC*

Bill Rowe, *General Counsel and Director of Advocacy, North Carolina Justice Center*

Pam Silberman, *President & CEO, North Carolina Institute of Medicine*

10:00-11:00 Panel 2: The Altered Landscape of Community Economic Development in North Carolina

Anita Brown-Graham, *Director, Institute for Emerging Issues*

Yolanda Burwell, *former Senior Fellow, N.C. Rural Center*

Tracey Dorsett, *Program Officer, Community Economic Development, Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation*

Martin Eakes, *CEO, Self-Help / Center for Responsible Lending*

Andrea Harris, *President, North Carolina Institute of Minority Economic Development*

11:00-12:00 Panel 3: Challenges and Responses of the North Carolina Philanthropic Community

David Dodson, *President, MDC*

Dan Gerlach, *President, Golden LEAF Foundation*

Melinda Lawrence, *Executive Director, North Carolina Justice Center*

Leslie Winner, *Executive Director, Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation*

12:00-12:30 Lunch Break (lunch will be provided on site)

12:30-1:30 Panel 4: UNC: Public Universities, Public Obligations

Hodding Carter, *Professor of Leadership and Public Policy, UNC Department of Public Policy*

Ferrel Guillory, *Professor of the Practice of Journalism, Director, Program on Public Life, UNC School of Journalism and Mass Communication*

Jarvis Hall, *Associate Professor of Political Science and Director, Institute for Civic Engagement and Social Change, North Carolina Central University*

Tim Tyson, *Author, Senior Research Fellow and Visiting Professor of American Christianity and Southern Culture, Duke University*

Lynne Vernon-Feagans, *William C. Friday Distinguished Professor of Early Childhood, Intervention, and Literacy and Professor of Psychology, UNC School of Education*

1:30-2:30 Concluding Group Discussion

Moderators: Ferrel Guillory and Gene Nichol