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ECONOMIC MOBILITY FOR POOR & WORKING-CLASS AMERICANS

In December 2016, Opportunity America organized a coalition of center-right think tanks and business groups to host a two-day conference showcasing new conservative thinking on poverty and opportunity. Participants included Speaker of the House Paul Ryan, best-selling author J.D. Vance, American Enterprise Institute scholar Charles Murray and William Kristol, editor of the *Weekly Standard*, as well as some four dozen researchers and policy experts on topics ranging from single-parent families to college affordability.

DECEMBER 14

5 p.m.

Keynote Arthur C. BROOKS, AEI

5:30 p.m.

The way out of poverty

Jimmy KEMP, Jack Kemp Foundation

Heather REYNOLDS, Catholic Charities Fort Worth

Scott WINSHIP, Foundation for Research on Equal Opportunity

Moderated by Adam MEYERSON, Philanthropy Roundtable

DECEMBER 15

Plenary sessions

8:30 a.m.

Keynote Paul RYAN, Speaker, US House of Representatives

Introduced by Tom DONOHUE, US Chamber of Commerce

Conversation with Gerald SEIB, *The Wall Street Journal*

- 9:15 a.m. **Reform conservatism**
 Alex BRILL, AEI
 Veronique de RUGY, Mercatus
 Ramesh PONNURU, *National Review*, AEI
 Moderated by Michael BARONE, AEI
- 9:55 a.m. **The limits of policy**
 John ENGLER, Business Roundtable
 Howard HUSOCK, Manhattan Institute
 Peter WEHNER, Ethics & Public Policy Center
 Moderated by Robert DOAR, AEI
- 10:45 a.m. **Q&A: Two kinds of poverty?**
 Charles MURRAY, AEI
 Moderated by Tamar JACOBY, Opportunity America

Breakout sessions

- 11:55 a.m. **Family matters**
 Ron HASKINS, Brookings Institution
 Wade HORN, Deloitte Consulting
 Kay HYMOWITZ, Manhattan Institute
 Angela RACHIDI, AEI
 Moderated by Mark RODGERS, Clapham Group
- A 21st century workforce**
 George ARRANTS, Automotive Service Excellence
 Joseph FULLER, Harvard Business School
 Mike PETERS, Huntington Ingalls Industries
 Nicole SMITH, Georgetown, Center on Education and the Workforce
 Moderated by Dane LINN, Business Roundtable
- 12:55 p.m. **The social safety net**
 Grant COLLINS, Fedcap Rehabilitation Services
 Lawrence M. MEAD, New York University, AEI
 Robert RECTOR, Heritage Foundation
 Jason TURNER, Secretaries’ Innovation Group
 Moderated by Michael FRANC, Hoover Institution
- Making college work**
 Kevin JAMES, Jain Family Institute
 Andrew KELLY, University of North Carolina
 Robert MENDENHALL, Western Governors University
 Eduardo PADRON, Miami Dade College
 Moderated by Jason TYSZKO, US Chamber of Commerce

2:15 p.m.

Not working or looking for work

Oren CASS, Manhattan Institute
Brandon CHROSTOWSKI, Edwins Leadership Institute
Nicholas EBERSTADT, AEI
Michael STRAIN, AEI

Moderated by Greg IP, *The Wall Street Journal*

School days

Lindsay FRYER, Penn Hill Group
Michael PETRILLI, Fordham Institute
Andy SMARICK, AEI
Martin WEST, Harvard Graduate School of Education

Moderated by John BAILEY, Bailey Strategies

3:15 p.m.

Criminal justice

Mark HOLDEN, Koch Industries
Vikrant REDDY, Charles Koch Institute
Sam SCHAEFFER, Center for Employment Opportunities
Steven TELES, Johns Hopkins University

Moderated by Megan MCARDLE, *Bloomberg View*

Entrepreneurship & ownership

Stuart BUTLER, Brookings Institution
Alfa DEMMELLASH, Rising Tide Capital
Edward J. PINTO, AEI
Jason WIENS, Kauffman Foundation

Moderated by James PETHOKOUKIS, AEI

Closing plenary

4:20 p.m.

Keynote J.D. VANCE, author of "Hillbilly Elegy"

Moderated by William KRISTOL, *The Weekly Standard*

Opportunity America is a Washington-based nonprofit promoting economic mobility – work, skills, careers, ownership and entrepreneurship for poor and working Americans. The organization's principal activities are research, policy development, dissemination of policy ideas and working to build consensus around policy proposals.