

Conference Presenters

Monica Barczak

Monica Barczak joined CAP Tulsa in 2003. She currently serves as the Director of Strategic Partnerships, leading the agency's collective work with other organizations to improve the systems supporting child and family success from birth through third grade. In her previous role as Director of Innovation Lab, Barczak helped drive the development of CAP Tulsa's two-generation program called *CareerAdvance*®. In 2015-2016 she had a one-year appointment with the Administration for Children and Families within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to promote the use of two-generation approaches at the local, state, and federal levels. Before joining CAP, Barczak worked for the City of Tulsa and taught political science for the University of California and the University of Nevada-Las Vegas. She has a bachelor's degree in international relations from the University of Wisconsin – Madison, and a master's and Ph.D. in political science from the University of California, Davis. She is an avid bicyclist.

Sean Borelli

Sean Borelli joined the California Bridge Academies in early 2016 as a Career and Family Navigator before becoming the program's Director in early 2017 and overseeing the program's expansion throughout the state. Prior to relocating to California from Florida, Sean served as the Director of an afterschool program focused on enhancing the academic abilities of students from low-income families. A passionate, lifelong advocate for justice, fairness, and empowering low-income families to transcend the struggles of poverty, Sean's educational background is in the fields of Philosophy, Applied Ethics, and Political Science.

Kasey Buckles

Kasey Buckles is the Brian and Jeannelle Brady Associate Professor of Economics at the University of Notre Dame. Buckles is also a Faculty Affiliate of the Wilson Sheehan Lab for Economic Opportunities, a concurrent faculty member in Gender Studies, and a Research Associate with the National Bureau of Economic Research. Her research interests include the economics of the family, economic demography, and child health and well-being. Recent work has been published in the *Journal of Health Economics* and the *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*. Her study of the effects of adoption subsidies on outcomes for children in foster care was supported with a grant from the National Science Foundation and was published in the *Journal of Human Resources*.

Brian Cadena

Brian Cadena is an Associate Professor of Economics at the University of Colorado Boulder. He received a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Michigan in 2008 and a B.A. in Economics and Psychology from Northwestern in 2003. His primary research interests are the labor market impacts of immigration, the intersection of behavioral economics with the economics of education, and the effects of anti-poverty policies. Professor Cadena's current research projects examine immigration networks affect migration decisions and how demand conditions affect college major choices. His research has been published in leading journals including the *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, and *Journal of Human Resources*. He is a research fellow of IZA and serves as an Associate Editor at *Journal of Human Resources*.

Sam Cobbs

Sam Cobbs, President and CEO of First Place for Youth, is a national expert and policy advisor on at-risk foster youth, specifically the issues they face as they transition to adulthood. In his 20 years of work in the nonprofit field, Mr. Cobbs has created and implemented programs that successfully reduce poverty and homelessness among vulnerable young people and has been one of the leading voices in advocating for better access to housing, education, employment and health programs that improve their lives. Mr. Cobbs joined First Place for Youth in 2005, and under his leadership, the organization quickly grew from an Oakland-based organization to a nationally-recognized model and the largest provider of housing to foster youth in California. He serves as a Leap of Reason Ambassador and was recently named a member of the inaugural cohort of the Results for America's Non-Profit Fellowship. Previous to First Place, Mr. Cobbs served in leadership positions at Larkin Street Youth Services, Juma Ventures and the Boys & Girls Club of Oakland. Mr. Cobbs has a Master's in Counseling from California State University, East Bay.

Jennifer DeLucia

Dr. Jennifer DeLucia leads the AmericaServes Community of Practice for the Institute for Veterans and Military Families (IVMF). Working across the country with federal, state, and community-based organizations, Dr. DeLucia, and the America Serves Community of Practice (Practice360) she facilitates, empowers the operation and continuous performance improvement of more than a dozen high-performing coordinated networks of services, resources, and care in 9 states that are dedicated to improving the lives of veterans, service members and their families. Supporting more than 500 human services providers now caring for thousands of military connected members and their families, Dr. DeLucia, a clinically licensed art therapist and psychotherapist, and her AmericaServes partners provide leading edge innovation and best practice across all facets of human services and care for America's veterans and their families. Using strong analytics and insights derived from the AmericaServes practice, coupled with applied research, technical assistance and expertise, Syracuse University's IVMF leads the nation's efforts to deliver comprehensive community-based solutions and practice required to best serve today's members of the all-volunteer armed forces, veterans, and their families.

William Evans

William Evans is the Keough-Hesburgh Professor of Economics at the University of Notre Dame, and he also currently serves as the chair of the Department of Economics. Dr. Evans is an applied microeconomist who has worked on topics in labor economics, the economics of education, public finance and health economics. His work has appeared in the top journals in the economics profession and his research is routinely covered by the popular press. In 2012, he and his colleague James Sullivan launched the Wilson Sheehan Lab for Economic Opportunities, a research center at Notre Dame designed to find evidenced-based poverty solutions. Evans received his Bachelor's degree from Wake Forest University and his Ph.D. from Duke University.

Juliette Keeley

Juliette Keeley is a Senior Policy Associate at J-PAL North America, a regional office of the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab, a global network of researchers who use randomized evaluations to answer critical questions in the fight against poverty. In her role, she engages with local policymakers and providers to design and implement rigorous evaluations of homelessness reduction programs. She leads the planning of the annual State and Local Innovation Initiative Convening, which brings together policymakers, philanthropists, non-profit leaders and researchers focused on evidence-based policy. Juliette previously worked on school and student evaluations at the New York City Department of Education, has an M.P.P. from Harvard Kennedy School and a B.A. in Public Policy from University of Chicago.

Laura Maggiulli

Laura Maggiulli, Ph.D., LMSW, is the Director of Research at Hillside Family of Agencies (HFA), a non-profit behavioral healthcare organization headquartered in Rochester, New York. As part of her role, Laura scopes, develops, and launches research projects aligned with organizational strategy and key initiatives. She builds collaborative partnerships with universities and institutions to carry out research and disseminate findings. In addition, Laura develops and implements standardized, evidence-informed processes that increase research readiness and generate impact across programs. Research interests include high-impact interventions, evidence-based practices, implementation science, and the integration of physical and mental health. Laura attained a UB Bachelor of Arts in Psychology (2005) (magna cum laude), a UB Master's Degree in Social Work (2007), and a Ph.D. from the UB Social Welfare program (2014).

Rohit Naimpally

Rohit Naimpally is a Research and Policy Manager at J-PAL North America where he works with governments, non-profit organizations, foundations, and private enterprises to develop rigorous evidence on policies and programs that impact poverty. Prior to joining J-PAL North America, Rohit worked on the Research and Training Team at J-PAL Global on the development of research resources, and on J-PAL's training courses, with a focus on e-learning platforms. He has also worked at Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA) on a variety of financial inclusion studies in South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa, research methods and training, and data analysis.

Patrick Poulin

Since January 2007, Patrick Poulin has been the executive director of the International Rescue Committee's (IRC) Salt Lake City Office. The IRC resettles over 600 refugees from a dozen countries each year, and provides 24-month case management to over 1,100 refugees each day. Mr. Poulin had previously worked for the IRC in the early 1990's, establishing a program in Cote d'Ivoire serving women and children refugees fleeing the civil war in Liberia. Before leaving for West Africa, Mr. Poulin was the first executive director of the Salt Lake Community Shelter and Resource Center, currently known as the "Road Home." Upon return from his overseas work with IRC, Mr. Poulin served as the executive director at Utah Issues during the welfare reform era and then worked as a clinical social worker and program specialist at the University of Utah Neuropsychiatric Institute (UNI). He has a Masters in Social Work (MSW) from the University of Utah and is a licensed clinical social worker (LCSW). He currently is appointed to the State Refugee Services Board of Advisors, and sits on numerous sub-committees.

Joe Price

Joseph P. Price is an Associate Professor of Economics at Brigham Young University and a Research Fellow at NBER, IZA, Sutherland Institute, Austin Institute, and the Wheatley Institution. He is a Co-Editor of the *Economics of Education Review* and the Director of the BYU Record Linking Lab (rll.byu.edu) where he leads a team of 80 undergraduate research assistants. He received his Ph.D. in economics from Cornell University in 2007.

Heather Reynolds

Heather Reynolds is the President and CEO at Catholic Charities Fort Worth (CCFW). She oversees the strategic direction for the Fort Worth based, \$30 million nonprofit. With nearly 400 employees and four locations throughout the 28-county diocese, CCFW serves tens of thousands each year through its diverse services, poverty solutions, and income-generating social enterprises. Reynolds has extensive experience in strategic planning, fundraising, and social enterprise. She's an expert speaker on poverty - both the modern issues and the new solutions - as well as nonprofit strategy. She has presented nationally on industry topics, with a focus on moving nonprofits forward. Under her leadership, CCFW has embodied Catholic teaching and continually takes action to answer the needs of the poorest and vulnerable among us. Reynolds is self-labeled as crazy, always pushing staff to innovate, create, and change more. She challenges employees to end poverty in the North Texas community.

Graeme Rodgers

Graeme Rodgers is a Technical Advisor (Research) at the International Rescue Committee (IRC) in New York. He is responsible for leading the design and implementation of a research program to support stronger evidence-based programming for IRC's US Programs. Trained as an anthropologist, he has more than twenty years of research experience on the local, social, and economic consequences of forced migration and refugee settlement, in both urban and rural contexts. He has developed and taught courses on forced migration at universities in South Africa (Wits, Rhodes), the U.K. (Oxford) and the United States (New School) and has consulted widely on the displacement risks of new development initiatives in conflict-affected environments in Africa.

Luke Shaefer

H. Luke Shaefer, Ph.D., is a leading national expert on poverty and has written extensively about low-wage work, poverty among families with children, the experiences of the extreme poor, and the U.S. social safety net. His work has been published in top peer-reviewed academic journals and a recent book with Kathryn Edin, "\$2.00 a Day: Living on Almost Nothing in America," was named one of the 100 Notable Books of 2015 by the New York Times Book Review and won the Hillman Prize for Book Journalism. Dr. Shaefer is the Director of Poverty Solutions at the University of Michigan and an Associate Professor in the School of Social Work and the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy. He received his Ph.D. and M.A. from The University of Chicago and B.A. from Oberlin College.

Teresa Eckrich Sommer

Teresa Eckrich Sommer is a Research Associate Professor at the Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern University. Her research focuses on the intersection of policy and practice for economically disadvantaged families and their children. Dr. Sommer specializes in how social programs influence the life course of families, especially through investments in human and social capital. She is also an evaluation expert and has conducted hundreds of interviews and focus groups with children, families, and program leaders across the country. Dr. Sommer has published in numerous peer-reviewed journals, and she has been a featured speaker in a wide range of academic and policy forums. Dr. Sommer's current work focuses on two-generation human capital programs that simultaneously offer training, education, and career supports to low-income parents combined with high quality early education for their young children. Sommer was featured by National Public Radio in April 2017 as part of her team's quasi-experimental evaluation of the effectiveness of a two-generation program, *CareerAdvance*, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Sommer received her B.A. in Human Biology from Stanford University and her Master and PhD in Public Policy from Harvard University.

Jim Sullivan

Professor Sullivan is the Rev. Thomas J. McDonagh, C.S.C. Associate Professor of Economics at Notre Dame. He has been a visiting scholar at the National Poverty Center and a visiting professor at the University of Chicago. His research examines the effectiveness of anti-poverty programs at the national, state, and local level. He also studies the consumption, saving, and borrowing behavior of poor households, as well as poverty and inequality measurement. Sullivan has published numerous journal articles and book chapters, many of which appear in the top economics journals. His work has been covered by major media outlets including *CNN*, the *Washington Post*, *Forbes*, *Fox News*, *Barron's*, *Bloomberg News*, *Slate*, the *Atlantic Monthly*, the *Wall St. Journal*, the *Chicago Tribune*, *National Public Radio*, and others. In 2015, he testified at a hearing on evidence-based policy for the U.S. House of Representatives. In 2012, with fellow Notre Dame Professor William Evans, Professor Sullivan founded the Wilson Sheehan Lab for Economic Opportunities (LEO). Sullivan received his bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame and his Ph.D. from Northwestern University.

Corinne Weaver

Corinne Weaver, M.A., is the Director of Research and Evaluation at Catholic Charities Fort Worth (CCFW), where she oversees the research and evaluation work of the agency, including two Randomized Controlled Trials (RCTs). Corinne spent her early career providing psychological counseling and assessment services within the public school, juvenile justice, and child welfare systems. Driven by a desire to better understand the efficacy of psychological interventions, Corinne transitioned into roles supporting several research and evaluation projects at DePaul University and the Erikson Institute before finding her true calling of helping CCFW apply research insights into actionable improvements in service delivery for families in need. Corinne holds a B.S. in Psychology from the University of Georgia and a M.A. in Psychology from the Chicago School of Professional Psychology. Corinne is currently pursuing a M.Ed. in Measurement, Evaluation, Statistics, and Assessment from University of Illinois Chicago.

Mindy Ysasi

Mindy Ysasi, SPHR, leads The SOURCE, whose mission is to reduce employment barriers and create opportunities for mobility for employees that work for their partner organizations. The SOURCE began as an idea by local CEOs who wanted to retain talent in their companies and understood that talent is a differentiator for success. The SOURCE's model works with the state of Michigan Department of Health and Human services, private caseworkers and employers by providing navigation and connection supports to employees. The organization is financially supported by the 18 employer members. Mindy is one of the founding members of WorkLab Innovations – a network organization that is leading the replication and scale of the “sustainable workforce model.” Mindy is currently pursuing an executive MBA at Michigan State University.