

**16<sup>th</sup> Annual North American Basic Income Guarantee Congress  
Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College**

**Program Schedule  
Friday, June 16 – Sunday, June 18**

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**Friday, June 16**

**8:30 – 8:45 AM            Welcome Remarks            Auditorium**

**8:50 – 10:20 AM            Parallel Sessions**

**A: Dignity or Degradation: What Should be the Value Base for Building a Benefit System?**

**Auditorium**

Chair: Sheila Regehr (Basic Income Canada Network)

Panelists:

Barb Boraks (Basic Income Initiative)

Héctor Acero-Ferrer (Centre for Philosophy, Religion, and Social Ethics)

Father Damien McPherson

**B: Communication and Movement-Building**

**Room 115**

Chair: Kate McFarland

Presentations:

Almaz Zelleke (NYU Shanghai) - "Basic Income for Realists"

Jason Murphy (Elms College) - "Talk about Assets or Resources or Wither and Die"

Ken Burak (Northampton Community College) - "Monsters, Inc: Mythological Blueprint for Our Revolution"

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**10:20 – 10:40 AM      Break**

**10:40 AM – 12:10 PM    Parallel Sessions**

**A: Grassroots Organizing I – Presentations and Panel Discussion**

**Auditorium**

Chair: Liane Gale (BIGMN - Basic Income Guarantee MN)

Panelists:

Kathleen Piovesan (LIFE - Livable Income for Everyone) - "Campaign Strategies in Vancouver, Canada"

Chioma Mary Oruh - "Think BIG: Energizing the Base"

Anne Gemmell (Philadelphia Office of Adult Education) - "Grasstop Coalition Building"

Tybie Fitzhugh & Victor Chudnovsky (Basic Income Action) - "Update from Seattle"

Liane Gale - "Telling It like It Is: Report Back From Grassroots Basic Income Activism"

**B: Basic Income and Children**

**Room 115**

Chair: Jim Bryan (Manhattanville College)

Presentations:

Lisa Gennetian (New York University) - "Income and the Developing Brain During the First Three Years of Life"

Steven Pressman (Colorado State University) - "A LITTLE BIG: the case for child allowances"

Samuel Hammond (Niskanen Center) - "Toward a Universal Child Benefit"

**12:10 – 1:20 PM      Lunch**

**1:20 – 2:50 PM**

**Plenary Session: Panel on the Canadian Context**

**Auditorium**

Sheila Regehr and Sid Frankel (Chairs) with James Mulvale (University of Manitoba), Dylan Marando (University of Toronto), Karen Glass (Assistant Deputy Minister, Province of Ontario), and Josephine Grey (Human rights organizer, LIFT - Low Income Families Together)

**2:50 – 3:10 PM      Break**

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**3:10 – 4:40 PM**

**Plenary Session**

**Auditorium**

Juliana Bidadanure (Stanford University Basic Income Lab), Joe Huston (GiveDirectly), Chris Hughes (Economic Security Project); Chair – Jim Bryan (Manhattanville College)

**4:40 – 5:00 PM**

**Break**

**5:00 – 6:30 PM**

**Plenary Session**

**Auditorium**

Andy Stern (former SEIU President) and Frances Fox Piven (The Graduate Center, City University of New York); Chair – Michael Howard (University of Maine)

## **Saturday, June 17**

**8:30 – 10:00 AM**

**Parallel Sessions**

**A: Women and Basic Income - Roundtable Discussion**

**Auditorium**

Chairs: Liane Gale (Basic Income Guarantee MN) and Almaz Zelleke (NYU Shanghai)

Participants:

Maria Wong & Krsna Twaddell (Vancouver Rape Relief and Women's Shelter)

Liane Gale, Ann Withorn, Suezanne Bruce (Basic Income Women Action Group)

Kathleen Piovesan (LIFE – Liveable Income for Everyone – Vancouver)

**B: Economic Rents and Basic Income**

**Room 115**

Chair: Scott Santens

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Presentations:

Gary Flomenhoft (University of Queensland) - "Total Economic Rents of Australia as a Source For Basic Income"

Jim Bryan (Manhattanville College) - "Why the distribution of wealth to the Superrich will become more extreme, increasing the need for a Basic Income"

Brent Ranalli (The Cadmus Group) - "The Many Lives of Thomas Paine's *Agrarian Justice*"

**10:00 – 10:20 AM      Break**

**10:20 – 11:50 AM      Parallel Sessions**

**A: Global Political Strategies**

**Auditorium**

Chair: Soomi Lee (University of La Verne)

Presentations:

Che Wagner - "Swiss Universal Basic Income Vote 2016 Reflections, Lessons Learned and Perspectives"

Steven Shafarman (Basic Income Action) - State Program Ballot Initiatives

Ping Xu (UBI-Taiwan) - Taiwan Pilot Projects

**B: Effects of BIG: Experimental Findings and Statistical Projections**

**Room 115**

Presentations:

Sara Bizarro (Centre for Ethics, Politics and Society of the University of Minho) - "The New Jersey Income Maintenance Experiment"

David Calnitsky (University of Manitoba) - "Basic income and work in social context"

Karl Widerquist (Georgetown University - Qatar) - "The Cost of Universal Basic Income: Back-of-the-Envelope Calculations"

**11:50 AM – 1:20 PM      Lunch**

**1:20 – 2:50 PM**

**Plenary Session: Panel on Welfare Rights**

**Auditorium**

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Ann Withorn (chair), Felicia Kornbluh (University of Vermont), Mimi Abramovitz (Hunter College), Diane Pagen (Basic Income Action, Basic Income NYC), and Maria Wong (Vancouver Rape Relief and Women's Shelter); featuring a music performance by Brandy Moore

**2:50 – 3:10 PM**            **Break**

**3:10 – 4:40 PM**            **Parallel Sessions**

**A: Grassroots Organizing II – Strategy Session**

**Auditorium**

Chair: Liane Gale (Basic Income Guarantee MN)

Participants: Kathleen Piovesan, Chioma Mary Oruh, Anne Gemmell, Victor Chudnovsky, Max Ghenis, Liane Gale, Phillip Galinsky

**B: Economic Growth and Ecology**

**Room 115**

Chair: Kate McFarland

Panelists:

Steven Pressman (Colorado State University)

Robert Scott (Monmouth University)

Michael Howard (University of Maine)

**4:40 – 5:00 PM**            **Break**

**5:00 – 6:00 PM**

**Single Session: Cultural and Conversational Contexts of Basic Income**

**Auditorium**

Chair: Jason Murphy (Elms College)

Presentations:

Lingwei Cheng (University of Chicago - Poverty Lab) - "Basic Income in cultural contexts across the world"

Olúfémi O. Táíwò (UCLA) - "Basic Income, Agenda Setting and Precarity"

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## **Sunday, June 18**

**8:30 – 10:00 AM          Parallel Sessions**

### **A: What Basic Income Would Mean for Us - Open Discussion Session**

#### **Room 217**

Primary Facilitator: Ann Withorn

Contributing Facilitators:

Pierre Madden

Tammy Allen (UBIG)

Suzanne Bruce

Description: In this Open Session, NABIG participants will join in a guided conversation about our personal visions, hopes, doubts and plans for Basic Income -- in order to better understand the range of personal reasons why people want a Basic Income and are willing to work to promote it.

### **B: The Welfare State**

#### **Auditorium**

Chair: Soomi Lee (University of La Verne)

Presentations:

Sid Frankel and James Mulvale (University of Manitoba) - "Basic Income, Neoliberalism and the Welfare State"

Cameron Weber - "Measuring the 'Actually-Existing' Welfare State in the United States: Providing an Estimate for Welfare State Replacement with a Basic Income"

Liz Fouksman (Harvard University) - "'Don't give money to the lazy': Moral functions of wage labour and attitudes towards basic income from below in South Africa" (co-authored with H. J. Dawson)

### **C: Philosophical Perspectives on Basic Income**

#### **Room 115**

Chair: Steven Pressman (Colorado State University)

Presenters:

Juliana Bidadanure (Stanford University) - "Age, Time and Basic Income"

Sarah Small (Colorado State University) - "Basic Income Guarantees and Feminist Support from the Perspective of John Stuart Mill"

Catherine Carol (University of Queensland) - "What does thinking have to do with a universal basic income? Living 'hand-to-mouth': a philosophical perspective"

**10:00 – 10:30 AM          Coffee Break, featuring performance by Brandy Moore**

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**10:30 AM – 12:00 PM Parallel Sessions****A: "Alternative Societal Systems and Blockchains"****Room 217**

Chair: Liane Gale

Panelists:

Santi Siri (Democracy.Earth) - "Basic Income is Just the Beginning: Why It's Time to Reset the Global Monopoly Game"

Eric Stetson (Grantcoin) - "Alternative Currencies and Basic Income"

Phillip Galinsky (Moral Systems) - "Founding the Network State"

Tristan Roberts (BitNation) - "Resilience: How Blockchains Can Make Income Universal"

**B: Financial Issues****Room 115**

Chair: Scott Santens

Presentations:

Rachel Presser - "Why UBI Would and Should Make The Earned Income Tax Credit Obsolete"

Martin Gibson - "The Browser Economy"

Floyd Marinescu - "Why we the 1% must support a universal basic income"

**C: Communication, Messaging, and Advocacy****Auditorium**

Chair: Soomi Lee (University of La Verne)

Presentations:

Jim Pugh (Universal Income Project) and Sandhya Anantharaman (Universal Income Project) –  
"Advocacy lessons from the Universal Income Project"

Victor Chudnovsky (Basic Income Action) - "Framing Basic Income in the Trump Era"

Kate McFarland and Jason Murphy - *Basic Income News*

**Music Performance: "BIG" by John Bodi Mize - Musicians for Basic Income**