



2019 North American Basic Income Guarantee Congress Conference Program

June 15-16, 2019

Silberman School of Social Work, Hunter College
2180 3rd Ave, New York, NY 10035

Saturday, June 15, 2019, Silberman School of Social Work

8:00 am-6:00 pm: Registration. First floor registration desk.

All day: photography exhibition, *Humans of Basic Income*, Jessie Golem. First floor.

8:30-9:00 am: **Opening Plenary**

Soomi Lee, University of La Verne, Chair of the NABIG Congress Organizing Committee
Mike Howard and Sheila Regehr, USBIG and BICN Chairs

9:00 am-10:30 am: **Plenary Session 1: Basic Income Pilots and Demonstrations: What Have We Learned?**

Sheila Regehr, BICN, and James Janeiro, Community Living Ontario: *Lessons from the Ontario Basic Income Pilot*

Jessie Golem, Photographer: *Humans of Basic Income*

Jiaying Zhao, Claire Williams, and Ryan Dwyer, University of British Columbia: *The Impact of Direct Giving on People Experiencing Homelessness: Experimental Evidence from Vancouver, Canada*

Sukhi Samra, Director, Stockton Economic Empowerment Demonstration

Moderated by Karl Widerquist, Georgetown University-Qatar

10:30 am-10:50 am: Break

10:50 am-12:10 pm: Parallel Session 1

Session 1A: Roundtable on Basic Income and Social Work

Stacia Martin-West, University of Tennessee College of Social Work: *Assessing Public Benefits in a UBI Environment: Findings from the Pilot UBI Initiative in Stockton*

Amy Baker, University of Pennsylvania: *What Makes Social Work Policy Research Distinct (Better?): The Example of the Stockton Pilot*

Penni Burrell, Independent Researcher: *Basic Income Models and the Social Work Code of Ethics*

Eri Noguchi, Association to Benefit Children, Moderator

Pauline Pisano, Silberman School of Social Work, Discussant

Session 1B: Monetary Policy Innovations for Funding UBI I

Helen Kmera, Louis Even Institute for Social Justice: *The Problems of Financing a Basic Income Through Redistributive Taxation*

Yves Jacques, The Pilgrims of Saint Michael: *The Problems of Financing a Basic Income Through Increased Public Indebtedness*

Oliver Heydorn, The Clifford Hugh Douglas Institute: *Financing a Basic Income Through the Money Creation Powers of the Bank of Canada*

Michael Watson, The Clifford Hugh Douglas Institute: *Why Overt Monetary Financing of a UBI Need Not Result in Demand Inflation*

Chair: Gustav Peebles, The New School

12:10 pm-1:40 pm Lunch

1:40 pm-3:00 pm Parallel Session 2

<p>Session 2A: Basic Income, Care, and Social Welfare</p> <p>Dov Weinryb Grohsgal, Princeton University: <i>"Innovation in Social Policy": Nixon's Family Assistance Plan and Universal Basic Income in Historical Perspective</i></p> <p>Almaz Zelleke, NYU Shanghai: <i>Wages for Housework: The Marxist-Feminist Case for Basic Income</i></p> <p>Jessica Church, Yale Divinity School: <i>Theology of Caregiving and Human Vulnerability: A Proposal in Favor of UBI</i></p> <p>Victoria Lehman, Independent Researcher: <i>Basic Income Against the Tsunami for Senior and Dementia Care</i></p> <p>Chair: Larry Cohen, Build the Floor</p>	<p>Session 2B: Monetary Policy Innovations for Funding UBI II</p> <p>Brandon Venetta and Eric Stetson, Mannabase: <i>Disruptive Technology to Implement UBI and Empower Humanity</i></p> <p>Eduard Lukschandl, Independent Researcher: <i>The Circular Basic Income - a Proposal to Finance the UBI</i></p> <p>Charles Pinwill, The Minden Institute: <i>Basic Income Through a National Dividend</i></p> <p>Chair: Brent Ranalli, The Ronin Institute</p>
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3:00 pm-3:20 pm Break

3:20 pm-4:40 pm Parallel Session 3

<p>Session 3A: Basic Income, Creativity, and Social Capital</p> <p>Brent Ranalli, The Ronin Institute: <i>Henry David Thoreau and Basic Income</i></p> <p>Keiko Sono, The Forge Collective: <i>The Flow of Gift: UBI and the Creative Community</i></p> <p>Elliot Rossiter, Douglas College: <i>Capabilities, Narrative, and the Free-Riding Objection</i></p> <p>Richard Keefer, Independent Researcher: <i>Basic Income and Educational Reform</i></p> <p>Chair: Jason Murphy, Elms College</p>	<p>Session 3B: Basic Income Advocacy I: Framing Issues</p> <p>Soomi Lee, University of La Verne: <i>Do Attitudes towards Universal Basic Income Differ from Attitudes Towards Welfare States? Investigating Perceptions on Unconditionality and Universalism</i></p> <p>Richard Gilbert, Loyola Marymount University: <i>Using Psychological Principles to Enhance Advocacy for Basic Income</i></p> <p>Pierre Madden, Basic Income Montreal: <i>In the Struggle for UBI, Employment is the Battlefield</i></p>
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	<p>Rachel Presser, Democratic Socialists of America and Sonic Toad Media: <i>Reframing the Discussion of UBI vs. the Federal Jobs Guarantee</i></p> <p>Steven Shafarman, USBIG and BIEN</p>
4:40 pm-5:00 pm Break	
5:00 pm-6:20 pm Parallel Session 4	
<p>Session 4A: The Left Debate on Basic Income: Guaranteed Income, Guaranteed Jobs, and Automation</p> <p>Michael Howard, University of Maine: <i>The Left Debate on Basic Income</i></p> <p>Franziska Riepl, University of Louisiana at Lafayette: <i>The Response of Labor Unions to Basic Income</i></p> <p>James Mulvale and Sid Frankel, University of Manitoba: <i>Basic Income: What Do Public Sector Unions Think?</i></p> <p>Peter Frase, editorial board member of <i>Jacobin</i> and author of <i>Four Futures: Life After Capitalism</i></p> <p>Chair: Scott Santens, <i>Basic Income Today</i></p>	<p>Session 4B: Film Screening: <i>UBI, Our Right to Live</i></p> <p>Discussion following the screening with director Alvaro Orus</p> <p>Moderated by Larry Cohen, Build the Floor</p>

Sunday, June 16, 2019, Silberman School of Social Work
<p>8:00 am-5:00 pm: Registration. First floor registration desk. All day: photography exhibition, <i>Humans of Basic Income</i>, Jessie Golem. First floor.</p>
<p>8:30 am-9:30 am Plenary Session 2: Modelling the Economic Effects of a Basic Income</p> <p>Kent Smetters, Wharton School of Economics: <i>Options for Universal Basic Income: Dynamic</i></p>

Modeling

Michalis Nikiforos, Levy Institute: *Modelling the Macroeconomic Effects of a Universal Basic Income*

Moderated by Christina Jenq, NYU Shanghai

9:30 am-10:50 am: Parallel Session 5

Session 5A: Workshop on BI Policy and Financing Options

Max Ghenis, OpenUBI: *Designing and Optimal US UBI Policy with Machine Learning*

Sheila Regehr, BICN: *Progressive Options for Implementing a Basic Income in Canada*

Chair: Almaz Zelleke, NYU Shanghai

Session 5B: Advocating for Basic Income II: Building Support

Ray Eskritt, Carleton University and Make Poverty History, Manitoba: *Using Social Media to Influence Public Discourse*

Jason Murphy, Elms College: *What I Have Learned from a Million Facebook Posts*

M. Andrew Witham, The Baza Foundation: *From Basic Income to Basic Foundation*

Steven Shafarman, USBIG and BIEN: *Attracting Allies for Basic Income*

Chair: Ben Sullivan, Loyola Marymount University

10:50 am-11:10 am: Break

11:10 am-12:30 pm: Parallel Session 6

Session 6A: Implementing Basic Income

Steve Richardson, Independent Researcher: *Social Security Basic Income*

Thomas Klemm, Eastern Michigan University: *Native American Per Capita Payments and their Relevance to Basic Income*

Jim Bryan, Manhattanville College: *The Effects of a UBI on Income Mobility across*

Session 6B: Basic Income and Automation

Christina Jenq, NYU Shanghai: *The Impact of Automation Technologies on the Labor Market: A Review*

Sara Bizarro, Delaware Valley University: *Unintended Consequences of Applying Basic Income Policy in Response to the AI Revolution*

<p><i>Generations: The Case of the US</i></p> <p>Leandro Ferreira, Brazilian Citizen's Basic Income Network: <i>From Cash Transfers to Basic Income: The Public Policy Approach in Brazil</i></p> <p>Chair: James Mulvale, University of Manitoba</p>	<p>Karl Widerquist, Georgetown University-Qatar: <i>Automation and UBI: The Right Way and the Wrong Way to Talk About It</i></p> <p>Chair: Roberto Merrill, University of Minho</p>
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12:30 pm-2:00 pm Lunch

2:00 pm-3:00 pm Parallel Session 7

<p>Session 7A: Basic Income and Employment</p> <p>Larry Udell, West Chester University: <i>Some Rawlsian Notes on Universal Basic Income</i></p> <p>Roberto Merrill, University of Minho: <i>UBI, Employment and Experiments</i></p> <p>Chair: Michael Howard, University of Maine</p>	<p>Session 7B: Advancing Research on Basic Income</p> <p>Sidhya Balakrishnan, Jain Family Institute: <i>Cash Transfers and Universal Basic Income in Practice: Strengths and Limitations of Current Studies</i></p> <p>Lauren Burns-Coady, Jain Family Institute: <i>Towards a Basic Income Research Consortium</i></p> <p>Almaz Zelleke, NYU Shanghai, Discussant</p> <p>Chair: Soomi Lee</p>
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3:00-3:20 pm Break

3:20 pm-5:00 pm Plenary Session 3: Closing Reflections

Michael Lewis, Silberman School of Social Work, Michael Howard, University of Maine, and Karl Widerquist, Georgetown University-Qatar: *A Tribute to Erik Olin Wright*

Andrew Yang, author of *The War on Normal People* and Democratic Candidate for President: *Video Message to the NABIG Congress*

Panel Discussion on Andrew Yang’s Basic Income Proposal, the “Freedom Dividend” with Almaz Zelleke, NYU Shanghai, Larry Cohen, Build the Floor, and Scott Santens, *Basic Income Today*

Moderated by Sheila Regehr, BICN

5:00 pm-6:30 pm Parallel Sessions for National and Regional Groups/Open Discussion on Next Steps for Basic Income Advocates

Session 8 A: USBIG Planning Meeting

Session 8 B: BICN Planning Meeting

Session 8 C: Space Available for Other Groups' Planning Meetings