



## JOIN THE FIGHT!

**WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON?**

Cleveland Work & Wages Conference

PRESENTING SPONSOR:



**FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 2019**

**CUYAHOGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
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## AGENDA

**9:00AM REGISTRATION OPENS**

**10:00AM CONFERENCE BEGINS**

**OPENING REMARKS:** Daniel Ortiz, Outreach Director – Policy Matters Ohio

**WELCOME ADDRESS:** Amy Hanauer, Executive Director – Policy Matters Ohio

*Working people in Ohio face big challenges. It requires the collective action of organizers, advocates, lawyers, policy experts and most importantly, workers themselves, to ensure that all work has dignity. This conference confronts the challenges and spotlights progress, so we can build and strengthen networks that truly work for working people.*

**10:45AM BREAK**

**11:00AM PANEL 1**

**Working in Ohio: Challenges & Opportunities**

*Threats, Opportunities, Challenges: Expert perspectives on work and wages in Ohio. This panel features speakers who are engaged in immigration law, wage and worker protection, and community organizing.*

**Moderator:**

Courtlyn Roser-Jones, Assistant Professor of Law – Moritz College of Law

**Panelists:**

Emily Brown, Staff attorney – Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, agriculture and immigrant worker division

DaMareo Cooper, Executive Director – Ohio Organizing Collaborative

Sarah Ingles, President – Central Ohio Worker Center, Wage and hour attorney at Barkan Meizlish, LLP

**12:00PM LUNCH**

**Worker Voices: Shout out your success!**

*What are your best practices and lessons learned? During lunch, take your turn on our open mic and share your recent victories for working people!*

**1:00PM            PANEL 2**

**What are worker centers? Why do they matter?**

*Building new networks to win for workers: This panel will feature stories about how worker centers help secure wins for working people. Speakers will give a short presentation about a successful campaign, focusing on the win, but also the strategies and partnerships that made it possible.*

**Moderator:**

Mason Pesek, Staff Attorney, Skadden Fellow - Legal Aid Society of Cleveland

**Panelists:**

Najah A. Farley, Senior Staff Attorney - National Employment Law Project

Liliana Castillo Baiman, Labor Liaison - Central Ohio Worker Center

Brennan Grayson, Director - Cincinnati Interfaith Workers Center

Adam Kader, Worker Center Director - Arise Chicago

**1:45PM            BREAK**

**2:00PM            WORKING GROUPS**

**Breakout Sessions**

*What's next? This conference is just the beginning. In this breakout session we will discuss how we can move from this conference to better jobs for Ohio's working people.*

**2:45PM            CLOSING**

**CLOSING REMARKS:** Hannah Halbert, Researcher - Policy Matters Ohio

**3:00PM            CONCLUDE**

**NOTES:**