



Event Highlights Reforms Needed to Combat Poverty in America

Will be co-moderated by CNN political editor Juana Summers

CLEVELAND (Wednesday July 13, 2016) – Local and national leaders will participate in a wide-ranging conversation about how federal policy can create opportunity and provide pathways out of poverty, both in Cleveland and around the country, at an event during the Republican National Convention.

Sponsored by Cleveland State University's Office of Civic Engagement, *Spotlight on Poverty and Opportunity*, and Policy Matters Ohio, the forum will present a non-partisan discussion about the challenges faced by low-income families in Cleveland and surrounding communities. The conversation, moderated by CNN political editor Juana Summers and Policy Matters Ohio Executive Director Amy Hanauer, will also explore how Republicans may respond in the fall campaign and when the new administration and Congress take power.

The event will be held 9:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Monday, July 18, in CSU's Waetjen Auditorium, 2001 Euclid Avenue. The event is free and open to the public but [registration](#) is required.

Participants will include John R. Corlett, president and executive director of The Center for Community Solutions; Colleen Cotter, executive director of the Legal Aid Society of Greater Cleveland; Ronnie Dunn, associate professor in the College of Urban Affairs at CSU; Jim McLaughlin, Republican pollster and president of McLaughlin & Associates and Baldemar Velasquez, founder and president of the national Farm Laborers Organizing Committee.

The event is one of several activities CSU will be hosting during the Republican National Convention. For more information visit: <http://csuohio.edu/rncweek>.

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