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**National Academy of Public Administration and Baruch College
Host Social Equity Conference Focused on State and Local Government**
Speakers to Discuss Broad Themes and Best Practices in Live-Streamed Event

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Academy of Public Administration and Baruch College’s Austin W. Marxe School of Public and International Affairs today kicked off a two-day conference (June 12-13) on *Promoting Equality in an Age of Austerity: The Role for State and Local Governments*, focused on best practices designed to achieve racial, gender, economic, and other forms of equity in the current state of reduced budgets.

The conference is live-streamed [here](#), with a schedule of events found [here](#).

“We are excited that this conference is exploring ways that states and localities can effectively address inequality despite ongoing budgetary austerity,” said Teresa W. Gerton, President and CEO of the National Academy of Public Administration. “As the government continues to look for ways to achieve equity across racial, gender and economic lines, the conversations taking place today and tomorrow are vital to that effort.”

“This national conference shares best practices in achieving social equity and highlights outstanding projects developed at the state and local levels from around the nation,” said David Birdsell, PhD, Dean of the Marxe School of Public and International Affairs at Baruch College. “States and localities have long been the crucibles of policy innovation; at this year’s Social Equity Leadership Conference, we aim to make sure that the best, most portable and most scalable solutions get the attention they deserve from government and nonprofit leaders everywhere.”

During the two-day event, plenary speakers will address broad themes and promising practices. Breakout sessions will examine in detail best practices gleaned from city and state governments, successful nonprofit organizations focused on human services, and academic research. Sessions also will focus on key substantive inequality concerns, such as workers right and workforce

development, international migration and human rights, and areas showing promise for other cities and states.

The first day of the conference focuses on topics that include *The New Localism: How Cities Can Thrive in an Era of Populism*; *Equality Indicators: A Tool for Local Government*; and *Using Data to Move the Needle on Equality/Equity in Local Government*. Speakers include **Bruce J. Katz**, Co-Founder of New Localism Advisors, and keynote speaker **Marc H. Morial**, President and CEO of the National Urban League and a NAPA Fellow.

The second day of the conference focuses on topics such as *Worker's Rights & the Challenge of Workforce Development*; *International Migration – Working Towards Immigrant Inclusion with State, Localities and Organizations*; *Building Equity Through Nonprofits: Evidence-Based Practices in New York*; *Still a Lack of LGBT Rights in the 21st Century Workplace*; *Social Equity and Local Law Enforcement*; *Innovative Roles for the Chief Diversity Officer in Public Organizations*; and *Perspectives on Institutions and Equity*. Speakers include **Jeremy Nowak**, Distinguished Visiting Fellow from Drexel University, keynote speaker **Cristine Jimenez**, Executive Director and Co-Founder of United We Dream, and keynote speaker **J. Phillip Thompson**, Deputy Mayor of New York City.

Click [here](#) for a detailed conference itinerary and full list of speakers and participants.

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