



American Youth  
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## Panelist Biographies

**Dr. Anthony P. Carnevale**  
**Research Professor and Director**  
**McCourt School of Public Policy**  
**Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce**



**Dr. Anthony Carnevale** currently serves as research Professor and Director of the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce, a position he has held since the Center was created in 2008. Between 1996 and 2006, Dr. Carnevale served as Vice President for Public Leadership at the Educational Testing Service (ETS). While at ETS, Dr. Carnevale was appointed by President George Bush to serve on the White House Commission on Technology and Adult Education.

Before joining ETS, Dr. Carnevale was Director of Human Resource and Employment Studies at the Committee for Economic Development (CED), the nation's oldest business-sponsored policy research organization. While at CED, Carnevale was appointed by President Clinton to Chair the National Commission on Employment Policy.

Dr. Carnevale was the founder and President of the Institute for Workplace Learning (IWL) between 1983 and 1993. The IWL worked directly with consortia of private companies to develop high performance work systems and to develop more effective work and training systems. While at the IWL, Dr. Carnevale was appointed by President Reagan to chair the human resources subcommittee on the White House Commission on Productivity between 1982 and 1984. Prior to founding IWL, Dr. Carnevale also served as Director of Political and Government Affairs for the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), the largest union in the AFL-CIO.

He has also served a senior staff member in both houses of the U.S. Congress. He was appointed Majority Staff Director on the Public Financing Sub-Committee of the House Committee on Government Operations during consideration of the value added tax proposals and revenue sharing.

Dr. Carnevale joined the Senate Budget Committee shortly after it was established by the passage of the Budget Impoundment and Control Act of 1974. He was responsible for budget development and enforcement in Budget Function 500: all accounts in Education, Training, Employment Policy and Social Services.

Subsequently, he also served as senior economist for the Senate Democratic Leadership Council. In 1993, President Clinton appointed Dr. Carnevale as chairman of the National Commission for Employment Policy, and in 1994, Secretary of Commerce Ronald Brown appointed Dr. Carnevale to the Board of Overseers for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. In 2013, Dr. Carnevale received the Truman award from the American Association of Community Colleges and the Morris T. Keeton Adult and Experiential Learning Award by the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning.

**Scott Evenbeck**  
**President**  
**CUNY Guttman Community College**



**Scott Evenbeck** was named Guttman Community College's Founding President in 2011. Previously, Scott served as professor of psychology and founding dean of University College at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI). Long involved in designing, implementing and assessing first-year experience programs for students, he has given more than 100 presentations at academic conferences and he has written many articles and chapters on academic achievement and persistence. Scott was a task force advisor for the Foundations of Excellence in the First College Year, the BEAMS project of the Institute for Education Policy (IHEP), the Learning Communities Institute of the Washington Center for Undergraduate Education, and the General Education and Assessment Institute of the Association of American Colleges and Universities as well as serving on accrediting teams for three regional accrediting bodies. Other service includes the Board of the American Conference of Academic Deans, the John N. Gardner Institute for Excellence in Undergraduate Education, and other national associations.

**Erin Brown**  
**Executive Director**  
**Denver Office of Children's Affairs**



**Erin Brown** is the Executive Director for the Office of Children's Affairs for Mayor Michael B. Hancock. She leads the efforts in the City and County of Denver as advocate for children and youth. Her office works with other city agencies and community partners to increase access, increase participation and improve quality programs and services for all Denver's children and youth. Brown also manages Mayor Hancock's efforts to eliminate the achievement gap so that every Denver student, regardless of race, ethnicity, income or disability, has the resources and support necessary to graduate high school prepared for success in college and beyond. Prior to joining the Office of Children's Affairs, Erin provided strategic and operational leadership to Denver Parks and Recreation, where she served as the Deputy Director of Recreation. With more than 20 years of leadership experience directing community programs and services, Brown has served the greater Denver community as the Director of Resident Services for Kappa Management, Vice President of Programs and Development for the Urban League of Metropolitan Denver, and Executive Director for the YMCA of Metropolitan Denver. Within these roles, Brown has become an expert in developing programs and educational initiatives addressing youth, elderly and minority issues. Brown also serves on several boards and organizations.

**Dr. Ross Gittel**  
**Chancellor**  
**Community College System of New Hampshire**



**Dr. Ross Gittel** is well-known in economic and policy circles as an authority for economic analysis and forecasting. Prior to his appointment as Chancellor at CCSNH, he was the James R. Carter Professor at the Whittemore School of Business and Economics at the University of New Hampshire. Dr. Gittel is active on numerous Boards and commissions. He is Vice President, Forecast Manager and board member of the New England Economic Partnership. He was appointed by Governor Hassan and by Governor Benson to the NH Consensus Revenue Estimating Committee. Dr. Gittel is extensively published, including books, articles and professional studies. He has received several awards, including the Champion of Educational Opportunity Award from the NH Educational Opportunity Association and the Award for Excellence in Service from the NH Department of Resources and Economic Development.

**Betsy Brand**  
**Executive Director**  
**American Youth Policy Forum**



**Betsy Brand** has served as the Executive Director of AYPF since 2004, and she served as Co-Director of the organization since 1998. Betsy has spent her career working on education, workforce, and youth policy and specializes in comprehensive approaches to helping young people be prepared for today's careers, lifelong learning, and civic engagement.

Betsy's education policy career started when she served as a Legislative Associate for the U.S. House Committee on Education and Labor from 1977 to 1983. She subsequently served with Senator Dan Quayle as a Professional Staff Member on the U.S. Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee from 1983 to 1989, where she handled all federal education and training legislation. In 1989, Betsy was appointed Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education at the U.S. Department of Education, under President George H.W. Bush, where she worked for four years. From 1993 to 1998, Betsy operated her own consulting firm, Workforce Futures, Inc., which focused on policy and best practices affecting education and workforce preparation. Betsy has a B.A. from Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA and serves on various boards, including the Latin American Youth Center and Diploma Plus.

**Dr. Lynne Gilli**  
**Assistant State Superintendent, Division of College and Career Readiness**  
**Maryland State Department of Education**



**Dr. Lynne Gilli** currently serves as the Assistant State Superintendent for the Division of Career and College Readiness (DCCR) at the Maryland State Department of Education where she has held progressively responsible positions since 1982. She holds a doctorate in curriculum and instruction from the State University of New York (SUNY) at Buffalo, and she received her master's and bachelor's degrees from the SUNY at Utica/Rome (now known as the State University of New York Polytechnic Institute). Dr. Gilli attended Broome Community College prior to transferring to SUNY. She also currently holds an Advanced Professional Certificate in school administration. Her responsibilities at MSDE include providing leadership to implement high quality Career and Technology Education programs for secondary and postsecondary learners. Her many years of experience with the Maryland State Department of Education provide her with a broad knowledge and understanding of public policy issues impacting education, particularly in preparing students for success in both college and careers.

**Kathy Mannes**  
**Vice President, Building Economic Opportunity Group**  
**Jobs for the Future**



As Vice President of the Building Economic Opportunity Group at Jobs for the Future, **Kathy Mannes** leads the organization's body of work dedicated to increasing opportunities for low-income, low-skilled adults to obtain the education and skills necessary to attain productive jobs and careers. She also manages a range of existing national workforce and education initiatives focused on developing richer opportunities for adults in learning, skill development, credentialing, and career advancement, as well as work across the organization on issues related to employer engagement. Ms. Mannes' projects encourage collaboration, leverage resources, link public and private partners, and build sustainable alliances among a wide range of clients. Her consulting work supports

UpSkill America and Skills for America's Future at the Aspen Institute and with other public and private sector clients. Ms. Mannes was previously appointed to the U.S. Department of Labor to help launch a new Center for Workforce and Industry Partnerships, an interagency effort to promote and advance high-quality, job-driven workforce development partnerships and job growth nationwide.

**Dr. Johan E. Uvin**  
**President**  
**Institute for Educational Leadership**



**Dr. Johan E. Uvin** recently joined the Institute for Educational Leadership as its new President. Prior to his IEL leadership, he served as the Acting Assistant Secretary for the Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (OCTAE) at the U.S. Department of Education. While at the Department, he also served as the acting director of the Policy Research and Evaluation Services Division of OCTAE and the co-chair of the Interagency Forum on Disconnected Youth, a multi-agency federal collaboration to improve the outcomes of disconnected youths. Since 2010, he has also been a member of the steering committee of the Domestic Policy Council's New Americans Citizenship and Integration Initiative, which developed a framework for federal efforts on immigrant integration. Uvin further led the Department's Pay for Success work and coordinates the Department's responsibilities related to the implementation of the Presidential Memorandum on Job-Driven Training. He started at the Department as the OCTAE senior policy advisor to then Assistant Secretary Brenda Dann-Messier, before advancing to Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Strategic Initiatives in the Office. Prior to his appointments at the Department, Uvin led the Rhode Island state office that oversees adult education, career and technical education, and GED testing. He also held several leadership positions in education and workforce development in both the public and private sectors.