

The Goldman School of Public Policy's
Center on Civility & Democratic Engagement
presents:

“Minimum Wage Policy in California and the US: An Emerging Consensus Across Party Lines?”

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Saru Jayaraman is the Director of UC Berkeley's Food Labor Research Center and a lecturer at the Goldman School as part of the Berkeley Food Institute. She is Co-Founder and Co-Director of the Restaurant Opportunities Centers United (ROC United). Founded after 9/11, in New York ROC organizes restaurant workers to win workplace justice campaigns, conducts research and policy work, partners with responsible restaurants, and launches cooperatively-owned restaurants. ROC now has 13,000 members in 32 cities nationwide. Jayaraman's work with ROC has been chronicled in the book *The Accidental American*. She authored *Behind the Kitchen Door*, a groundbreaking exploration of the political, economic, and moral implications of dining out (Cornell University Press, 2013). She is a graduate of Yale Law School and the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.

Ron Unz

Chairman of The Higher Wages Alliance



A theoretical physicist by training, Mr. Unz is founder of UNZ.org, providing free access to over a million articles from prominent periodicals. He previously served as publisher of *The American Conservative* and as founder and chairman of Wall Street Analytics, Inc., a financial services software company. He attended Harvard, Cambridge and Stanford Universities, and his writings on immigration, race, ethnicity, and social policy have appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Nation*, and elsewhere. Mr. Unz was a leading opponent of Proposition 187, an anti-immigration initiative. He later drafted Proposition 227, replacing bilingual education with English immersion, and won with 61% of the vote; within three years, the test scores of over one million immigrant students rose by an average of 70%.

Leading experts Saru Jayaraman, David Neumark and Ron Unz weigh in on the national conversation to raise the minimum wage, devoting special attention to the California political landscape and impacts on food-related industries. Join us and learn how sometimes divisive social issues generate new, unexpected bipartisanship and consensus.

David Neumark

*Professor of Economics
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David Neumark is a labor economist whose research interests include minimum wages and living wages, affirmative action, sex differences in labor markets, the economics of aging, and school-to-work programs. His work has been published in the *American Economic Review*, the *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, and the *Journal of Political Economy*, among others. He is the co-author of a 2008 book, *Minimum Wages*. Prior to joining the faculty at UCI, he was an Economist at the Federal Reserve Board, an Assistant Professor at the University of Pennsylvania, and a Professor at Michigan State University.

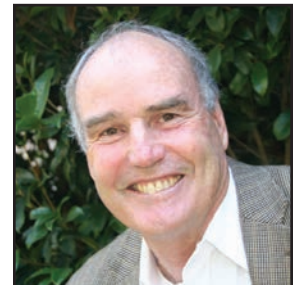


Neumark received his B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania and his Ph.D. from Harvard University.

Moderated by Richard “Dick” Beahrs
BA '68

Senior Advisor, Revolution Foods

Richard Beahrs was a history major and served as ASUC President during his last year at Cal. He is currently a UC Berkeley Foundation Trustee and a member of the Center's Advisory Board. Now retired, he spent 35 years as a Media Executive at Time Warner, where his positions included the Presidencies of Comedy Central and Court TV. In 2001, Dick and his wife, Carolyn, funded the creation of the Beahrs Environmental Leadership Program on the Berkeley campus. In the past decade, over 350 environmental leaders from over 75 countries from around the world have received intensive training in sustainable development practices through participation in a 3 1/2 week multidisciplinary program.





Mission

Public dialogue often lacks civility and efforts toward policy consensus rarely enjoy broad democratic engagement. Today's hardened lines of political division threaten to aggravate and perpetuate social problems.

The Center on Civility & Democratic Engagement at UC Berkeley's Goldman School of Public Policy focuses on preparing current and future leaders to successfully engage people of diverse backgrounds and viewpoints in the resolution of public policy issues.

The need for more effective and successful democratic engagement is clearly seen in the paralysis and acrimony in our state and national governments and violence worldwide. Through research, teaching, fellowships/internships and public events, students and the wider public learn about the range of deep beliefs and values which drive human social behavior. Along with acquiring expertise in democratic engagement, this knowledge is essential in helping diverse stakeholders achieve productive and enduring resolutions to pressing issues facing societies today.

History

The Center was founded by the Cal Class of '68 to explore the legacy and advance the aspirations that characterize the spirit of the Class and their time at Cal. It is an exciting innovation in UC Berkeley alumni participation and relations with the University. Professor Bruce E. Cain, who served as Co-Director with Dean Henry Brady during the inaugural years, is now a member of the Center's Advisory Board.

Programs

Today, under the leadership of Faculty Director Henry E. Brady, Program Director Larry A. Rosenthal, Senior Fellow Robert B. Reich and the Board, the Center sponsors programs and events on the UC Berkeley campus and beyond, including:

- **Research** into understanding the political, ideological and cultural factors that generate conflict and what enables productive problem solving locally, nationally and globally.
- **Teaching** based on the research that equips students with techniques for dealing with conflict and skills in collaborative leadership and consensus building.
- **Fellowships** and Internships for Goldman School undergraduate and graduate students' public policy projects and for UC Washington Center students from Berkeley.
- **Public Events** featuring prominent speakers on topics related to civility and democratic engagement and broadly communicating research results to the public and the media.

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