

MERC Leadership Academy

Education and Economic Development

Wednesday, February 17, 2016

Workshops/Facilitators

- 1. Education, Mobility and Success: The Role of Race and Ethnicity** - A primer on the relationship between wealth development, management and education - *William Emmons, Federal Reserve Bank*
- 2. Why educated persons are unemployed** - A discussion on realizing the employee benefits of being an educated person - *Rebecca Dixon, National Employment Law Project (NELP)*
- 3. Unequal Lives the State of Black Women and Families in the South** - An overview on the most significant and persistent barriers to success, opportunity, and economic security for lower-income women and families in the rural South. - *Oleta Garrett Fitzgerald, Children's Defense Fund*
- 4. Escaping a Legacy of poverty via education and economic development** - Strategies for building a new middle class by using the tools of education and economic development - *Ryan Walker, nSPARC, MSU*
- 5. Student Business Development** - Designing, developing, and funding businesses operated by student entrepreneurs for profit, education and experience - *James B. Wilcox, Center for Economic and Entrepreneurship Education, USM*