

Class & Inequality Day Conference 2026

Friday, March 13, 2026 | Burkle 16

Co-hosted by IPRC and UC Riverside Department of Political Science



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

- 10:00 AM** ● Introduction to Conference
- 10:15 AM** ● **Nick Carnes, Duke University**
"Keeping Workers Off the Ballot: How Democracy Undermines Working-Class Representation"
- 10:50 AM** ● **Hye Young You, Princeton**
"Lobbying and Legislative Representation"
- 11:20 AM** ● *Coffee Break*
- 11:35 AM** ● **Simon Weschle, UNC-Chapel Hill (Zoom)**
"Side Hustles: How Politicians' Outside Jobs Shape Our Democracies"
- 12:10 PM** ● **William Franko, West Virginia University**
"The Salience and Politicization of Class Identity in the U.S."
- 12:45 PM** ● *Lunch*
- 1:30 PM** ● **Hannah Walker, UT Austin**
"Mobilizing Relationships: How Social Connections Can Help People with Criminal Records Vote"
- 2:05 PM** ● **Chris Faricy, Syracuse University**
"Who Deserves Help? A New Theory of Partisanship and Welfare Deservingness"
- 2:35 PM** ● *Coffee Break*
- 2:50 PM** ● **Melissa A. Lyon, SUNY Albany**
"When Do States Erode Protections? The Case of Contemporary Child Labor in the U.S."
- 3:25 PM** ● **Raymond Orr, UCSB**
"Considering Intergenerational Inequality as Cultural Collapse Through Native American Experiences"