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Joukowsky Forum, 111 Thayer Street

Monday, May 12, 2025 - Wednesday, May 14, 2025





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Program Schedule

DAY 1 - May 12, 2025

9:00am - 9:30am **Welcome/General Guidelines/Continental Breakfast**

9:30am - 10:00am **Boston Main Streets Foundation and The City of Boston Office of Small Business, Economic Opportunity and Inclusion**

Succession Planning in the City of Boston: The Case for a Succession Planning Pilot Program Supporting Small Business Owners



Lizzy
Bernold



Thomas
Sfinarolakis



Jiajing
Yuan



Yuhan
Zhang

10:00am - 10:10am **Transition Break**

10:15am - 10:45am **Providence City Council**

Policy Options to Address Providence’s Fiscal Crisis:
Revenue Sources and Considerations



Xuewei
An



Alex
Fu



Timothy
Kessler

10:45am - 10:55am **Transition Break (with Coffee Break built-in)**

11:00am - 11:30am **Providence City Council**

Enhancing Urban Sustainability and Equity in Providence, Rhode Island



Ray
Friedlander



Alex
Lewis



Yixuan
Shi



Raegan
Wellman

11:30am - 11:40am **Transition Break**

11:45am - 12:15pm

Project Baala

Menstrual Health Policy in Marginalized Communities in India



Marie
Bordelon



Chandlee
Crawford



Hannah
Repole



Evan
Williams

12:15pm - 2:00pm

Lunch (*Agora, 280 Brook Street*)

2:00pm - 2:30pm

Jeffery Goldthorp, Communications Regulation Expert

Fine-Tuning ChatGPT for Cybersecurity Policy:
Enhancing AI Support for Federal Regulators



Matt
Army



Elena
Bernardi



Yanqi
Huang



Bella
Mittleman

2:30pm - 2:40pm

Transition Break

2:45pm - 3:15pm

**UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights
(UN-OHCHR)**

Approaches to Human Rights in Artificial Intelligence
and Migration Through the UN Guiding Principles



Ulviya Narmin
Hoque Chisty



Kuma
Kumsa



Kunzang
Namgyal



Sophia
Sirois

DAY 2 - May 13, 2025

9:00am - 9:30am **Welcome/General Guidelines/Continental Breakfast**

9:30am - 10:00am **Alliance for Climate Transition**
Addressing Aging and Overloaded Power Supply Infrastructure in New England



Noelle
Lewis



Harson
Liu



Yize
Liu



Gauravi
Singh

10:00am - 10:10am **Transition Break**

10:15am - 10:45am **Alliance for Nonprofit Impact/United Way of Rhode Island**
The Economic Impact of the Nonprofit Sector in Rhode Island



Hao
Fu



Zihan
Li



Emaan
Tariq

10:45am - 10:55am **Transition Break (with Coffee Break built-in)**

11:00am - 11:30am **Alliance for Nonprofit Impact/United Way of Rhode Island**
Rhode Island Nonprofit Service Utilization



Nasrin
Azizy



Juan
Lopez-Santiago



Junlin
Lu



Jiuai
Wang

11:30am - 11:40am **Transition Break**

11:45am - 12:15pm **Growth Teams Inc.**

Industrial Policies and Private Sector Development in the
Developing World



Adriana Maria
Gonzalez



Zhengfei
Jiao



Yuwei
Liu



Yosumin
Qurbonbekova

12:15pm - 2:00pm **Lunch (Agora, 280 Brook Street)**

2:00pm - 2:30pm **Annenberg Institute**

Participatory Budgeting in Brown Summer High School
(Education Through Participation)



Xinyang
Li



Benny
Lispector



Natsumi
Suzuki

2:30pm - 2:40pm **Transition Break**

2:45pm - 3:15pm **U.S. Coast Guard Academy, Center for Arctic Study & Policy (CASP)**

No Time for the Cold Shoulder: How Supporting the Antarctic
Treaty System Promotes US National Interests



Luca
Duclos-Orsello



Isabella
Mendoza



Sophia
Ruddins



Evan
Warren

DAY 3 - May 14, 2025

9:00am - 9:30am Welcome/General Guidelines/Continental Breakfast

9:30am - 10:00am Instiglio Inc.

A Strategic Playbook for Lead Paint Enforcement in Low-and-Middle Income Countries



Nathan
Hostert



Katie Hirkento
McPeak



Neha
Valmiki



Quan
Yuan

10:00am - 10:10am Transition Break

10:15am - 10:45am Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Remote Work Impact Analysis on Rhode Island



Victoria Annette
Cleo Bryant



Xinyue
Guo



Yiting
Zhou

10:45am - 10:55am Transition Break (With Coffee Break built-in)

11:00am - 11:30am American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

Safety for All: An Analysis of New Jersey Traffic Stop Data



Arjun
Badami



Phoebe
Marwill



Isabella
Nadeau

11:30am - 11:40am Transition Break

11:45am - 12:15pm **Rhode Island Department of Human Services**
Rhode Island School Districts' Capacity to Welcome Newcomers



Euler
de Leon



Jiacheng
He



Emily
Lopez Touchy



Estela
Westphalen

12:15pm - 2:00pm **Lunch (*Agora, 280 Brook Street*)**

2:00pm - 2:30pm **Costs of War Project**
From Brown's Watson Institute to Congress



Sophia
Campbell



Ella
Corbett



Haoyi
Liu



Michael
Vogel

2:30pm - 2:40pm **Transition Break**

2:45pm - 3:15pm **Economic Progress Institute**
Equity Considerations and Rhode Island's State Budget



Angel
Morataya



Morgan
Reilly



Zhiyun
Yu







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