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A Year of Action: Building Family Financial Security



On Tuesday evening, President Obama delivered his State of the Union address, highlighting several proposals and opportunities to help Americans build their family financial security from early childhood policies, to better wages, to retirement security policies that support hard-working Americans.

We are excited that the president has brought inequality and financial security to the forefront of his agenda – but we must acknowledge growing wealth inequalities, and pivot to action.

Check out [commentary](#) from Solana Rice, Associate Director at PolicyLink, and share your thoughts and suggestions on closing the racial wealth gap with the ACCESS community on Twitter [@access2assets](#).

For the latest resources, events, and news from across the asset-building field, visit: <http://www.accesstofinancialsecurity.org/>.

Released Today! 2014 Assets & Opportunity Scorecard



CFED launched the 2014 Assets & Opportunity Scorecard – a leading source of state-level data on financial security and policy solutions. During the webinar, CFED experts discussed data on asset poverty and 65 other measures of household financial security and shared trends on 67 state policies that help families achieve financial security and climb the economic ladder.

For more information, visit www.assetsandopportunity.org/scorecard.

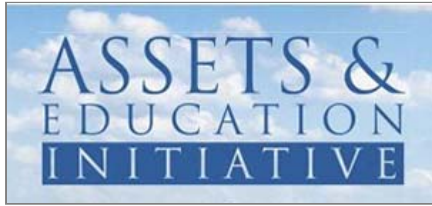
CFPB Seeks Applicants for Advisory Groups

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau announced that it is seeking applications for positions on its advisory groups, the Consumer Advisory Board (CAB), the Credit Union Advisory Council (CUAC), and the Community Bank Advisory Council (CBAC), which serve as key resources to the Bureau by providing valuable input and on-the-ground perspectives.



Applications will be accepted until February 28, 2014. For more information, click [here](#).

Panel: Race, Wealth, and the New Demographics of Poverty



Wednesday, February 5, 2014

12:00 - 1:45 p.m.

University of Kansas | KU Union, Alderson Room

1301 Jayhawk Blvd.

Lawrence, KS 66045

The United States cannot end poverty without confronting persistent racial gaps in wealth, chasms only partly explained by inequality of income. Today, the average white household has nearly 10 times the wealth of the average black household. This wealth divide, perhaps even more than income, has dramatic effects on intergenerational economic mobility, access to education, and societal prosperity. Dr. Shapiro is a leading scholar on questions of race, poverty, and inequality. Using data from a remarkable study spanning 25 years, he identifies the factors that make for long-term financial success, the role of race in perpetuating poverty, and how to build a more economically and racially just America.

Featured Speakers:

- **Dr. Thomas Shapiro**, Pokross Professor of Law and Social Policy; Director, Institute on Assets and Social Policy; Brandeis University (keynote)
- **Melinda Lewis**, Assistant Professor of Practice, School of Social Welfare, University of Kansas; Policy Director, Assets and Education Initiative (moderator)
- **Lewis Diuguid**, Lewis Diuguid, Editorial Board Member, Columnist and Letters Editor, *The Kansas City Star* (panelist)
- **Kilolo Kijakazi**, Program Officer, Ford Foundation (panelist)
- **ChangHwan Kim**, Associate Professor, University of Kansas (panelist)

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