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America's Tomorrow: Six Reasons to Close the Racial Wealth Gap Now



Check out our latest article featured in the *America's Tomorrow* newsletter. This piece provides six ways in which closing the racial wealth gap can help grow an equitable economy. Over the next several months, *America's Tomorrow* will highlight pieces from the [Access to Financial Security for All](#) platform (denoted by our logo attached to each piece). The next issue will feature a piece written by Heather McCulloch on taxes and their impact on

growing the economy!

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Locked Up and Locked Out: Securing a Second Chance at Economic Citizenship for Ex-Offenders

Friday, April 11, 2014 | 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. ET

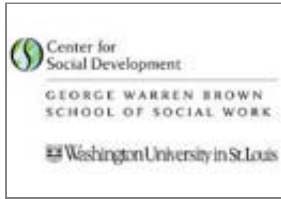


Every year 650,000 Americans leave prison, but many never escape the legacy created by having been there in the first place. From massive debt accrued while locked up to barriers to employment or public assistance upon release, ex-offenders are often relegated to the financial margins. These consequences are felt disproportionately within communities of color, which have been particularly hard hit by the extended drug wars that have been waged over recent decades. Building upon Monica Potts' incisive [cover story in *The American Prospect*](#), this event will explore what it means to try to re-enter society when society has shut its doors, and how addressing the issue will strengthen economic opportunity in America.

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The Balance Sheets of Younger Americans: Is the American Dream at Risk?

May 8 - 9, 2014 | Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis



Recent research by the Center for Household Financial Stability at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis suggests that each generation born during the first half of the 20th century earned more and was wealthier than the one before, whereas real incomes and wealth of generations born during the second half of the century have stagnated. Further research by the Center shows that younger, less educated and non-white families have yet to fully recover the wealth lost during the Great Recession—with age being the strongest predictor of which families lost and recovered wealth after the recession.

Combined with daunting economic challenges facing younger Americans—including intensifying global competition for good-paying jobs, continuing rapid rates of technological change, the rising cost of higher education, delayed family formation, and demographic shifts that place greater economic burdens on younger generations—it appears that the American dream is threatened for a growing number of younger Americans.

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Job Announcement: Policy Associate – Illinois Asset Building Group



The Illinois Asset Building Group (IABG) and Heartland Alliance are hiring for a Policy Associate to help advance their policy agenda at the state level. The individual would work on issues related to retirement security, children's savings accounts, consumer protections, and other policies that aim to close the racial wealth gap. The Policy Associate is responsible for policy analysis and development, direct advocacy with decision makers and key stakeholders in order to advance policy and systems change, as well as public education, and coalition-building efforts to support long-term policy and systems change within his or her project.

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