

What's the Future of Oregon's Economy in a Covid-19 World?

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Oregon and the nation are in the deepest economic downturn since the Great Depression. Forecasters anticipate a long, uneven recovery that will begin in earnest only after the virus is eliminated. The downturn illuminated longstanding societal and economic inequities.

Infection and death rates have been borne disproportionately by communities of color and the elderly, and stock markets are thriving despite record unemployment and accelerating business closures. The year has brought unprecedented change and so many questions.

Where do we stand on the public health and economic fronts as schools prepare to reopen? How has the virus changed the way we interact and do business? And as we recover, how do we build an inclusive economy of broadly shared prosperity?

This webinar is part of a series showcasing the eight domains of an age-friendly state or community. This framework offers strategies and policies for creating communities where everyone can thrive.



WEBINAR SPEAKERS

Rukaiyah Adams



Ms. Adams is the Chief Investment Officer at Meyer Memorial Trust, one of the largest charitable foundations

in the Pacific Northwest. She is responsible for leading all investment activities to ensure the long-term financial strength of the organization.

In addition to her investment expertise, Ms. Adams serves on numerous boards and provided pro bono work on behalf of the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights, the Homeless Prenatal Program in San Francisco, and the Children's Defense Fund. Her 2016 Ted talk — A Homegirl's Guide to Being Powerful — about her path to becoming a more thoughtful investor and the role of investment capital in achieving social justice has more than 10,000 views.



John Tapogna



Mr. Tapogna is President of ECONorthwest and oversees the firm's business strategy. Since his arrival at

ECONorthwest in 1997, he has built consulting practices in education, healthcare, human service, and tax policy.

He led the design and development of award-winning software tools in nine states that help low-income families, seniors, people with disabilities, and veterans understand their eligibility for safety-net programs.

Prior to joining ECONorthwest, Mr. Tapogna served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Chile and was an Analyst at the U.S. Congressional Budget Office, where he estimated the cost of key congressional legislation.



HOST/MODERATOR

Ruby Haughton-Pitts



Ruby Haughton-Pitts is the State Director for AARP where she oversees a staff of seven and more than 1,000

volunteers in the state leads efforts to help people 50+ choose how they live as they age through volunteerism, service, community connection and advocacy.

Ms. Haughton-Pitts previously served as Director of Outreach and Advocacy in Chicago for AARP in Chicago, Director of Legislative and Public Affairs at CareOregon, Vice President of External Affairs for OCHIN (a nationwide nonprofit healthcare innovation center), and Vice President of Government Relations for U.S. Bancorp in Portland.

