

Poverty, Politics, and Policy

A Panel Discussion

Thursday, July 17, 7:15 pm

Minnesota often leads the country in the effort to address issues related to poverty. The newly elected mayor of Minneapolis has poverty issues as one of her agenda items and recently the minimum wage was raised from one of the lowest to one of the highest in the country. This panel brings together Minnesota politicians and activists to discuss the wealth gap and how they have tried to address it at a local and state level. After short introductions, panelists will respond to a set of questions about wealth inequality, politics, activism, and education—leading to a conversation with each other and the audience.

Moderator: Jessica Toft, Associate Professor, University of St. Thomas and St. Catherine University

Panelists: Jaimee Bohning, Education Director, Northside Achievement Zone

Elizabeth Glidden, Minneapolis City Council Member, Ward 8

Jeff Hayden, Senator and Deputy Majority Leader, Minnesota Senate

Nancy Maeker, Executive Director, A Minnesota Without Poverty

Annette Parker, President, South Central College

Dane Smith, President, Growth & Justice