

WORKPLACE FLEXIBILITY 2010

Georgetown University Law Center

Dear Colleagues:

We are writing to invite you to Working For Change: A Conversation on Workplace Flexibility Research, Business Practice and Public Policy to be held at Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C. on May 28-May 30, 2008.

Workplace Flexibility 2010 is pleased to be hosting this year's annual conference for the major grantees and friends of the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation's Workplace, Work Force and Working Families Program. As the policy track of the Sloan National Initiative on Workplace Flexibility, we hope to bring you the very best in research and innovative business practice, and to begin a conversation with you on the public policy implications of such research and practice.

The conference will kick off on Wednesday night, with a welcome reception and the annual "state of the union" address by Dr. Kathleen Christensen. We hope you enjoy the chance to mingle with your colleagues over food and wine as we prepare for the heavy lifting of the next two days.

Official registration for the conference will begin on Thursday morning at 8:00 am. Our morning panel will feature two research papers – one that addresses access to and utilization of workplace flexibility by hourly workers, and one that addresses the impact of the current state of workplace flexibility for hourly workers and their families. Three discussants will respond to those papers – one providing a perspective from business and two providing perspectives from public policy. After lunch, an afternoon panel will repeat the structure of the morning panel, but this time, with a focus on salaried workers and their families. The structure of the conference will allow significant time for participants to engage in conversation and exchange.

We invite you to join us for a lovely and relaxing dinner on Thursday night.

On Friday, we will have two discussions that we are confident will both enlighten and invigorate you. We will begin with a conversation with the early career work/family scholars that will provide a glimpse of the range of research we can expect from the next generation. Throughout the conference we will highlight the work of the early career scholars supported by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. We encourage all of the participants at this year's conference to use the conference as an opportunity to get to know these researchers who will influence the next wave of work-family projects.

Following our early career scholars' discussion, we will move to a roundtable where an impressive array of thoughtful thinkers, scholars, lawyers, and policy advocates will engage in an interactive conversation. We expect to draw on the panel presentations of the previous day, as well as on new information these experts will provide.

Finally, definitely plan to remain for lunch! We will have a speaker who will enlighten us, educate us, and make us want to keep working to achieve broad-based workplace flexibility for everyone in this country.

Please RSVP for the conference no later than March 31, 2008 by contacting Erin Martin at Bernstein Strategy Group at 202-263-2573 or by e-mail at emartin@jbernsteinstrategy.com <<mailto:emartin@jbernsteinstrategy.com>> .

You will also need to book your hotel room. We have reserved a block of rooms at the Washington Court Hotel on Capitol Hill located at 525 New Jersey Avenue, just across the street from the conference venue. All reservations must be made individually through the hotel's reservations department by calling (202) 628-2100 or (800) 321-3010 by April 28, 2008. You need to tell the hotel you are with the "Sloan Conference" to get the reserved rate.

More information on the conference, logistics and Washington, DC attractions will be available on our web site by March 15.

We look forward to seeing all of you in May!

Warm regards,

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