



Founded in 2018 by Mississippi Speaker of the House Philip Gunn, The Speaker's Commission on Public Policy provides a platform for exploration of public policy issues and solutions through a series of forums called the Speaker's Summit Series.

The third summit in the series will be held on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at the Westin in Downtown Jackson, and examine the topic: **"Turning Brain Drain into Brain Gain: Retaining Mississippi's Talent."**

This no-cost event is underwritten by sponsors and open to the public.

8:30am – Registration

8:55am – Welcome and Introduction

Speaker Philip Gunn

9:00am – Morning Keynote: "A Practical Approach to Retention"

Bill Rayburn, CEO, mTrade

9:45am – Morning Break

10:00am – Panel Discussion: "A Three-Pronged Approach to Policy, Planning, and People."

Tim Mask, Moderator

Jeffrey Rupp, eCenter at MSU

Trey Lamar, State Representative

Joey Havens, Horne LLP

Ashley Edwards, Gulf Coast Business Council

Leon Collins, MINACT

11:00am – Break

11:15am – Lunch Keynote: "A Policy Framework for Retention"

Roberto Gallardo, Ph.D., Assistant Director, Purdue Center for Regional Development

12:30pm – Breakout Sessions: What Can We Really Do?

Be Entrepreneurial: A Tale of Two Startups

Eric Hill, MSU Center for Entrepreneurships and Research

DueT Technology and WISPr Systems

Be Creative: A Look at Creative Placemaking

Thor Juell, Crooked Letter Picture Company

Be Resourceful: Alternative Funding Sources

Josh Edwards, Horne Capital Strategies

Be Generous: Incentives that Work

Kristy Simms, UMMC

2:00pm – Closing

Contact Melissa Hederman for more information: mhederman@hedermangroup.com or 601.613.4003.

Registration opens October 1, 2019.

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