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Mobilizing Local Assets to Strengthen Rural Communities: The Vital Role of Community Philanthropy in Building Social, Economic and Political Capital

Thursday 3:45 pm; Panel 2

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Abstract: We argue that traditional approaches to addressing the needs of rural communities, either through public or private resources has done little to address the fundamental challenges of these communities. We contend that the largely instrumental approach to community development has failed to meet the continued challenges of structural racism, insufficient engagement of community members, unwillingness or hesitancy of many nonprofits to work with governmental agencies and other nonprofit providers. We will address not specifically the role of funders but more broadly how to strengthen community engagement and collaboration through a new model of community philanthropy.