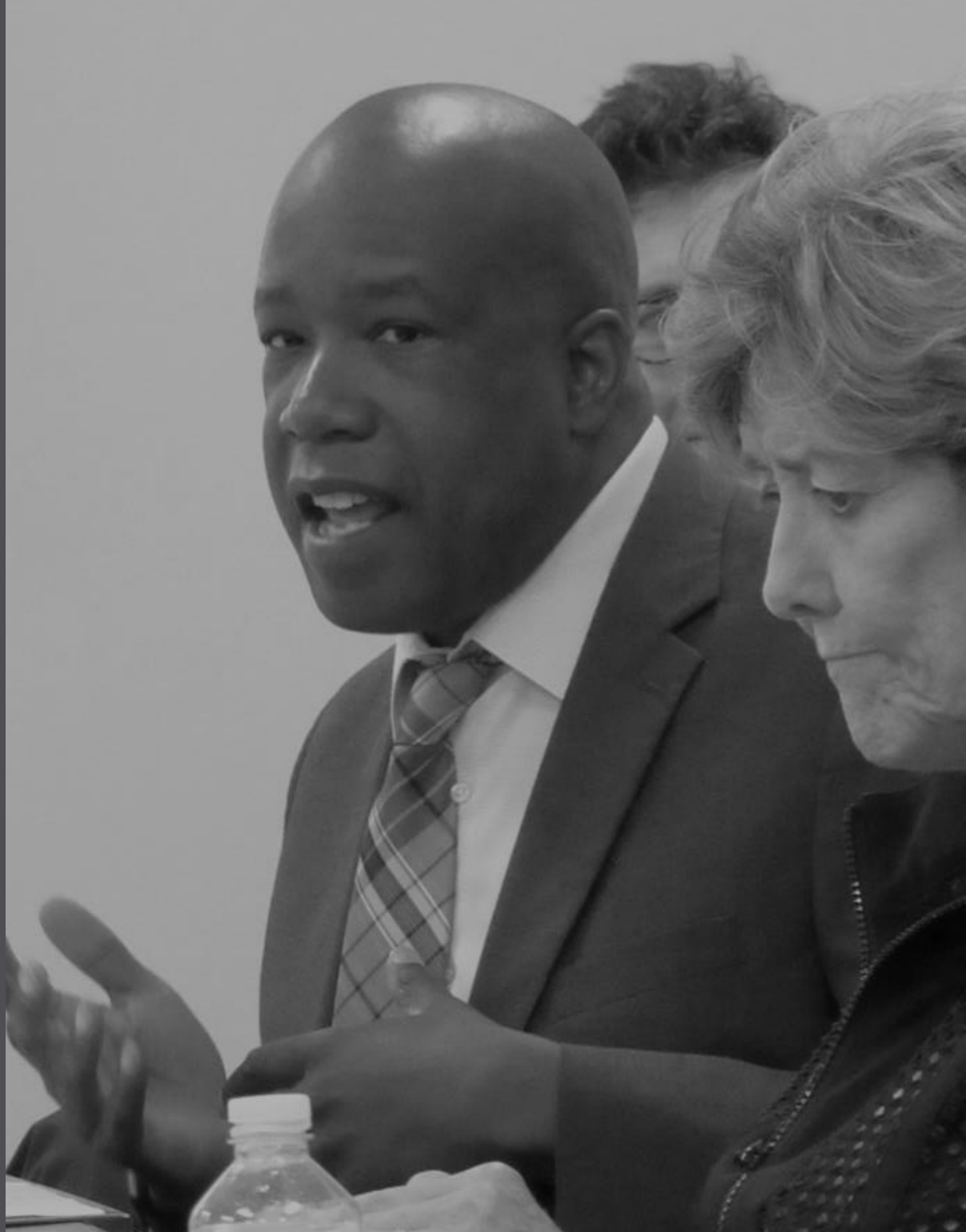


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## **BUFFALO, NY SINCE THE GREAT RECESSION** A WORKSHOP ON ECONOMIC RESTRUCTURING IN THE RUST BELT SINCE THE GREAT RECESSION

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AUGUST 14-15 2017  
CORNELL IN BUFFALO AND UAW LOCAL 774

# PROGRAM

## DAY 1, AUGUST 14, Cornell in Buffalo

Welcome, Arthur Wheaton, The Worker Institute, Cornell University  
09AM-09.10AM

Introduction: The Contours of Economic Development in the Rust Belt since the Great Recession  
Evren Dincer, Uludağ University  
09.10AM-09.30AM

### **Session I**

#### **Main Trends and Issues of Economic Development in Buffalo 09.30AM-12PM**

The Performance of the Buffalo Economy Since the Great Recession  
Jaison Abel, Federal Reserve Bank of New York

Healing Buffalo's Economy: The Buffalo Billion and Priorities for Economic Development  
John Slenker, New York State Department of Labor

General Trends in the Labor Market  
Cesar Cabrera, New York State Department of Labor

Labor Market and Challenges for Workforce Development  
Heather Gresham, Executive Director, Buffalo and Erie County Workforce Investment Board

Labor's Role in Economic Development and Organizing  
Richard Lipsitz Jr., Western New York Area Labor Federation

Economic Development from a Social Justice Perspective  
Franchelle C. Hart, Open Buffalo

### **Lunch Break: 12PM-1PM**

### **Session II**

#### **Placing Buffalo in its Geographical and Economic Context: Buffalo as part of New York State and the Rust Belt 1PM-2.45PM**

The Role of New York City in the Economy of New York State  
James Parrott, Center for New York City Affairs at The New School

Buffalo's Economic Relations with Albany  
Bruce Fisher, SUNY Buffalo State

The Role of Community Organizations in Buffalo's Economic Revitalization in a Comparative  
Perspective  
Ronald Applegate, Cornell University

Buffalo's Economic Development Compared: Buffalo as Part of the Rust Belt  
Evren Dincer, Uludağ University

### **Coffee Break, 2.45PM-3.00PM**

**Session III**  
**Sectors in Perspective I**  
**3PM-5PM**

Buffalo's Housing Market since the Great Recession  
Sam Magavern, Partnership for the Public Good

Buffalo's Agricultural Economy since the Great Recession  
Diane Held, Cornell University Cooperative Extension

The Finance Sector in Buffalo since the Great Recession  
Gary Keith, M&T Bank

Buffalo-Niagara Medical Corridor Experiment: Perspectives on a Project for Economic Revitalization  
David Scott, Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus (TBC)

The Energy Sector, Community Development and Sustainability in Buffalo since the Great Recession  
Rahwa Ghirmatzion, PUSH Buffalo

Concluding Remarks and Reflections on Day One  
Rosemary Batt, Cornell University

**DAY 2, AUGUST 15, UAW Local 774**

**Session IV, 09AM-12PM**  
**Sectors in Perspective II**  
**Manufacturing and the Auto Industry**

A Historical Review of the Auto Industry in the U.S. and Western New York  
Art Wheaton, The Worker Institute at Cornell University

Recent Trends in Auto Manufacturing in Western New York  
Ian Greer, Cornell University

Canadian Auto Industry since the Great Recession: A Look at Buffalo from the other side of the  
Border  
Mathieu Dupuis, School of Industrial Relations, University of Montreal

The Reindustrialization of the U.S.: Tonawanda Powertrain since the Great Recession  
Evren Dincer, Uludağ University

Auto Manufacturing in Buffalo since the Great Recession: A Managerial Perspective  
Steve Finch, Plant Manager, GM Tonawanda Powertrain

Labor Management Relations and Restructuring in Manufacturing since the Great Recession:  
A Union Perspective  
Wenceslao Valentin III, President, UAW Local 774

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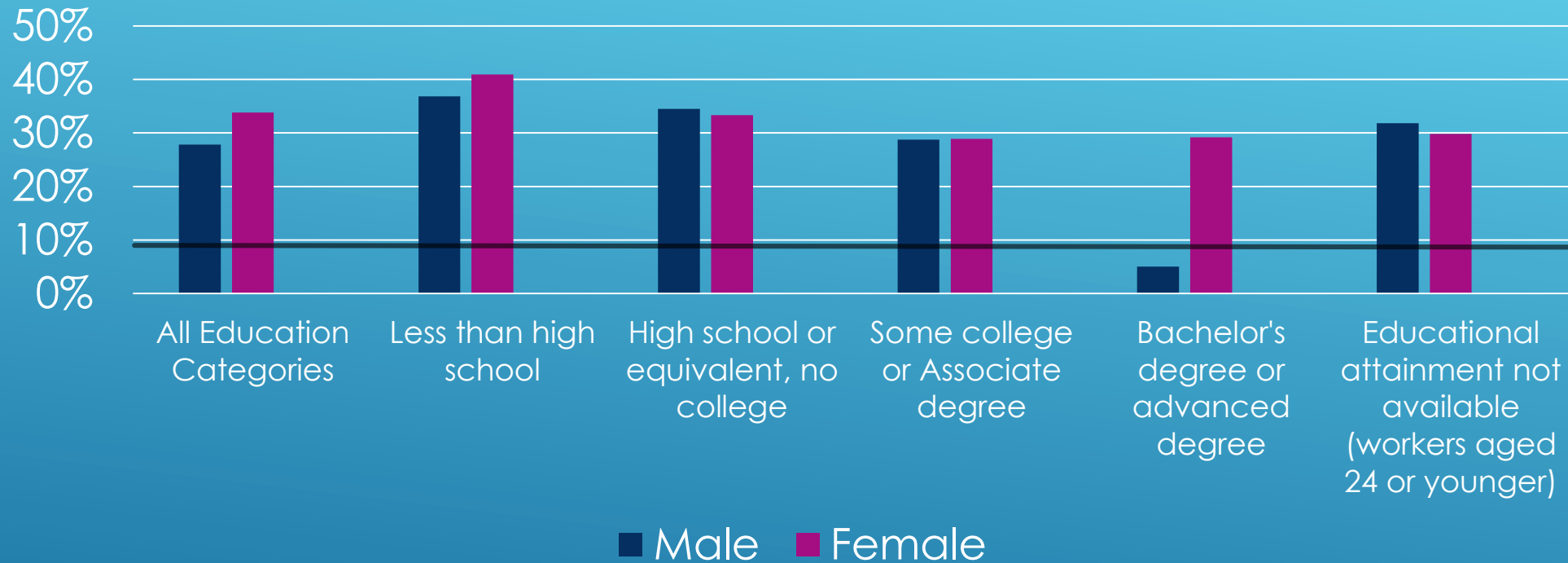
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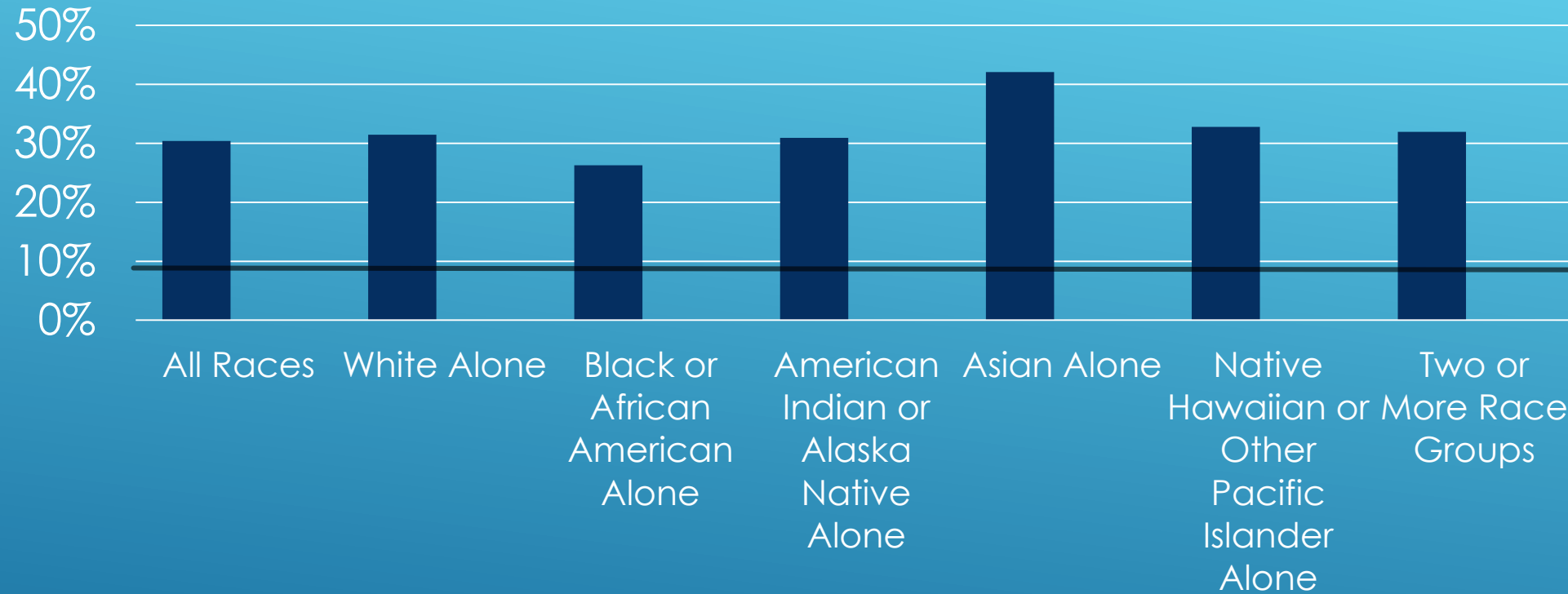
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# 2010 to 2016 New Hires Earnings



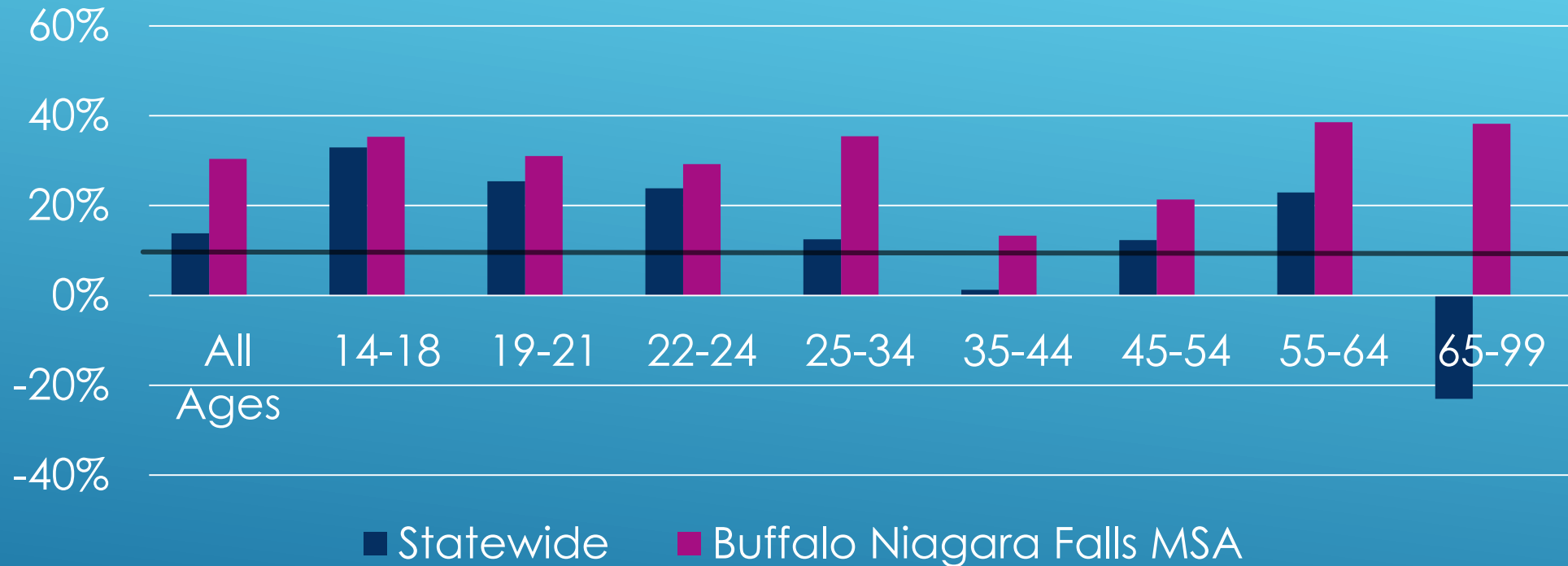
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# 2010 to 2016 New Hires Earnings by Race



SOURCE: LEHD QUARTERLY WORKFORCE INDICATORS

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	1990	2000	2010	2015
Population 15-64	926,556	913,967	896,139	860,504
Labor Force	588,400	575,000	573,500	551,300
Rate	64%	63%	64%	64%

## LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION 15-64

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