



## Press Release

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#### 2021 VIRTUAL LEGACY AWARDS PROGRAM

Columbus, Ohio, July 29, 2021, 8:00–9:00 AM (virtual networking 7:30–8:00 AM) – Annual fundraising event hosted by Employment For Seniors, Columbus, OH. ***The State of Mature Workers in Central Ohio During the COVID 19 Pandemic.*** We are excited to bring you a panel of distinguished guests with the latest updates on this important topic. This virtual event is also our time to honor those who have demonstrated unwavering support of mature job seekers and residents in our region.

The agency will recognize ***BMI Federal Credit Union*** as this year's ***Charles B. Jenkins Legacy Award*** winner for their unwavering support of mature job seekers and residents in our region. The program also includes insights into the ***Issues Facing Mature Workers During the COVID 19 Pandemic*** from three distinguished experts who will share their knowledge of this important topic.

Event **tickets and table sponsorships and program details** are available on the event website, at <https://secure.givelively.org/event/employment-for-seniors-inc/efs-virtual-legacy-2021>, for \$45/individual tickets; \$50.00 after July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (\$500/ virtual table of 10). **Raffle tickets** are also available on the site, continuing the Legacy Event tradition of offering the opportunity to win three attractive baskets (need not be present to win)!

#### 2021 Award Recipient:

***BMI Federal Credit Union*** will be honored with the ***Charles B. Jenkins Legacy Award*** for their outstanding and dedicated service, advocating for and serving seniors in central Ohio in an exemplary manner. BMI FCU has a long history of supporting the work of Employment For Seniors and has contributed to the wellbeing of central Ohio's mature population through their free community workshops, online Learning Center and other financial education initiatives, as well as their personalized member support.

#### Experts Discuss Mature Worker Issues:

A panel of regional, state and national experts will discuss current issues facing mature workers, including ***strategies for supporting their success during the COVID-19 pandemic recovery.***

Attendees may submit their questions on this topic to inform the discussion. **Marc Molea**, retired Chief of Strategic Partnerships at the Ohio Department of Aging, will serve as moderator. Marc is well known throughout Ohio for his award-winning, longtime advocacy for Ohio's mature workers and aging residents.

**Panelists include:** Dr. Jacquelyn James, Co-Director of Boston College's Center on Aging & Work; Dr. Phyllis Cummins, a Senior Research Scholar at Miami University's Scripps Gerontology Center; and, Dr. Bill LaFayette, Owner of Regionomics®.

**Dr. Phyllis A. Cummins**, a Senior Research Scholar, and an Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology & Gerontology at Miami University's Scripps Gerontology Center. The focus of her research is workforce issues facing mature workers, including the benefits of ongoing training and workforce development and the role publicly sponsored training programs and community colleges play in facilitating work at older ages. She has served as a Principal Investigator on multiple grants funded by the Institute of Education Sciences that explored the experiences of older adults seeking to reskill. Phyllis has also studied the demographic characteristics of mature workers, especially those who have experienced cumulative inequality over their life course and are at risk for economic insecurity in retirement.

**Dr. Jacquelyn James**, Co-Director of the Boston College Center on Aging & Work, a research professor in the Lynch School of Education, and is the Principal Investigator for Solidifying the Sloan Research Network on Aging & Work as a Living Legacy (funded by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation). Her research focuses on the meaning and experience of work, gender roles and stereotypes, adult development, and most recently, perceptions of mature workers and emerging retirement issues. Jacquelyn is a fellow of the Gerontological Society of America, past president of the Society for the Study of Human Development, and currently serves on the editorial board of *Work, Aging & Retirement*.

**Dr. Bill LaFayette**, Owner of Regionomics®, a consulting firm focused on helping clients thrive in small-area economies. Bill has expertise in economic development and workforce strategy, economic impact analysis, economic and demographic analysis, and fiscal analysis. He is a recognized authority on the Ohio and Columbus economies and holds a Ph.D. in real estate economics from The Ohio State University, an M.B.A. in investment management and a B.S., Summa cum Laude, in finance and accounting, both from Wright State University. Bill served as VP of economic analysis for the Columbus Chamber of Commerce (12 years) before starting his consulting firm in 2011. He has taught public policy, finance and real estate courses at the University of North Texas and The Ohio State University. Bill serves on the Board of Trustees for EFS and the Affordable Housing Trust for Columbus and Franklin County, and on the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC).

### ***ABOUT EMPLOYMENT FOR SENIORS***

Employment For Seniors has served central Ohio for over 45 years as an advocate for mature job seekers, age 50 and over, linking clients with employment opportunities. Our unique program provides services to both clients and employers, free of charge. Each year, the agency serves clients with career counselling services, job seeking resources, and referrals to job postings from its age friendly employer partners. Employment For Seniors provides a valuable local resource for mature job seekers. For more information, contact our team at 614.863.1219.

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