

The Lincy Institute & Brookings Mountain West Research Colloquium Series

Greenspun Hall Auditorium
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Friday, September 23, 2016

9:00 AM

Welcome & Introduction: Why this topic? What is a Colloquium?

William E. Brown, Jr.
UNLV Director, Brookings Mountain West

9:05 AM

The University of Nevada, Las Vegas: A Land Grant University

Robert E. Lang, Ph.D.
*Professor of Urban Affairs, UNLV
Executive Director, The Lincy Institute and Brookings Mountain West*

9:20 AM

University of Nevada Cooperative Extension in the Southern Nevada Non-Profit Network

Shannon Monnat, Ph.D.
*Assistant Professor,
Department of Agricultural Economics, Sociology and Education,
Penn State University*

9:45 AM

Who Funds the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension?

David Damore, Ph.D.
*Professor, Department of Political Science, UNLV
Fellow, Brookings Mountain West, UNLV*

10:10 AM

Comparing the Administration of University Cooperative Extensions in the United States: A Case Analysis

Fatma Nasoz, Ph.D.
*Assistant Professor and Senior Resident Scholar,
The Lincy Institute, UNLV*

10:35 AM

Summarizing the Findings

Robert E. Lang, Ph.D.
*Professor of Urban Affairs, UNLV
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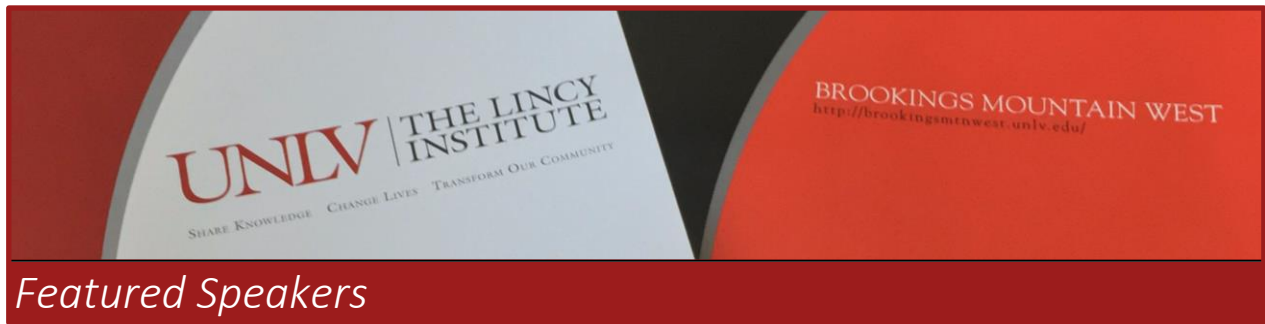
Audience Discussion & Feedback

William E. Brown, Jr.
UNLV Director, Brookings Mountain West

11:00 AM

Closing Remarks

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William Brown received his undergraduate degree from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst in 1978 and his graduate degree from the University of Michigan in 1981. Bill has held appointments as an academic research librarian, faculty member, and administrator at Yale University, the University of Miami, and the University of California, Berkeley, before joining UNLV in 2005. As UNLV Director of Brookings Mountain West, Bill coordinates the programs, lectures, and activities of Brookings Mountain West in Southern Nevada, including the Brookings Public Policy Minor at UNLV. He has published a diverse array of scholarly works in American history, literature, politics, and related fields.

Robert Lang is a nationally recognized authority on West. Lang is often called on by business and elected leaders urban growth, economic development and population dynamics, including the interplay between politics and growth in the American, and media to provide an understanding of the economic recovery in the west, what elements led to the region's economic decline, and what it will take to bring it back. His research has been featured in numerous media outlets, including USA Today, New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, US News and World Report and reported on by CNN, MSNBC, Fox News, ABC World News Tonight and NPR. He has authored over 150 academic and professional publications and has developed many new urban planning concepts such as "Boomburbs," "Edgeless Cities," and "Megapolitan Areas." His book, *Megapolitan America*, details the rise of megapolitan areas and how they will change how American plans. Lang is a professor in the Greenspun College of Urban Affairs and serves as the executive director of The Lincy Institute and director of Brookings Mountain West at UNLV. He is also a Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C. Lang earned a Ph.D. in urban sociology from Rutgers University

David Damore is a Professor of Political Science at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. In addition to his position at UNLV, Dr. Damore is a Brookings Mountain West Fellow, a Senior Analyst with Latino Decisions, and an advisor to Project Vote Smart. His research focuses on the study of campaigns and elections and public policy at the state and national levels and he regularly comments on Nevada politics for local, national, and international media outlets.

Dr. Damore's research has been published in the *Journal of Politics*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Behavior*, and *American Politics Research*. He has also written numerous book chapters on various aspects of Nevada politics and policy making. Dr. Damore earned his Ph.D. from the University of California, Davis (2000), his M.A. from the University of Georgia (1995), and his B.A. from the University of California, San Diego (1992) all in Political Science.

Shannon Monnat is Assistant Professor of Rural Sociology, Demography, and Sociology in the College of Agricultural Sciences and a Research Associate with the Population Research Institute at Pennsylvania State University. She received her Ph.D. in Sociology at the University at Albany, State University of New York and was a faculty member in the UNLV Dept. of Sociology before moving to Penn State in 2013. Dr. Monnat's research lays at the intersections of demography, sociology, and public health. Her most recent work focuses on rural-urban continuum differences in and demographic, economic, and social correlates of substance abuse and drug- and alcohol-related mortality in the US. She has recently presented the findings from this research to national and international academic and policy audiences, including at the USDA Economic Research Service and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. Monnat is also an affiliate of the Carsey School of Public Policy at the University of New Hampshire.

Fatma Nasoz is the Senior Resident Scholar of Information Technology with The Lincy Institute at UNLV. She is charged with leading the Institute's technology initiatives including its data repository and collaborating with Southern Nevada's nonprofit and government agencies within the sectors of health, education and social services to assess, build, and enhance their data and IT capacities. Dr. Nasoz's work provides these agencies with scalable and easy to implement systems that have high quality of service and low operating costs. She is also an Assistant Professor at UNLV's Department of Computer Science. Her academic research is on Artificial Intelligence and Human-Computer Interaction. Her projects focus on building user-centric, intelligent computer systems. She earned her Ph.D. in Computer Science from University of Central Florida in 2004, and she is the author of multiple peer-reviewed journal and conference articles and book chapters.

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