2:00-2:45 pm
PLENARY: FUTURE OF EDUCATION

Hear from cross-sectoral leaders about their visions for equity-driven future of education.

Speakers: Carly Fahey, Program Associate, IEL; Rachel Fleischer, Executive Director, Young Invincibles; Frank Gettridge, Executive Director, National Public Education Support Fund; Jocelyn Roof, Student, University of Iowa

Carly Fahey (EPFP ’19-20 Fellow)
Program Associate
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Carly joined IEL in 2016. She supports the National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability for Youth, DC Advocacy Partners, and the Vocational Rehabilitation Youth Technical Assistance Center, a groundbreaking initiative that provides state vocational rehabilitation (VR) programs and related professionals with technical assistance and training to help more effectively serve youth with disabilities.

Prior to joining IEL, Carly served as the outreach coordinator of diversity, philanthropy, and community relations at the global headquarters of Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC), where she supported internal employee resource groups and created communications and diversity outreach for the CSC Charitable Foundation. Prior to this, Carly worked as a programming support consultant for Family CAFÉ Inc. and CAFÉ TA in Florida. Carly was also an intern with the Executive Office of the Florida Governor in the Office of Policy and Budget and the Florida Gubernatorial Fellowship. She is a former vice chair and policy committee leader of the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) to the National Council on Disability (NCD), a committee that provided youth reports and perspectives to NCD, the organization that advises Congress and the White House on disability policy. Through her work with YAC, Carly was the youngest person in history to receive unanimous Senate Confirmation.

Carly’s history with IEL began in 2005, when she served as a founding member of a project called the Florida Youth Council (FYC). With the support of IEL, the FYC created disability history and awareness legislation for Florida public schools that was signed into law in 2008.

Carly attended the University of Utah, graduating with a B.S. in Communications. There, she participated in a research and service-learning project focused on preventative healthcare policy and HIV/AIDS in Vancouver, Canada

Rachel Fleischer
Executive Director
Young Invincibles
Rachel Fleischer is the Executive Director of Young Invincibles. She brings nearly two decades of experience building advocacy and public awareness campaigns to this role, most recently serving as Senior Director at Planned Parenthood Federation of America. Fleischer has spent the last seven years leading some of Planned Parenthood's largest health care and advocacy efforts, including the most recent campaign to defeat congressional "defund" efforts, the organization's consumer education program around the Affordable Care Act, the launch of Planned Parenthood's breast health initiative, and Planned Parenthood's 100th anniversary celebration.

Prior to her work at Planned Parenthood, Rachel oversaw numerous issue-based advocacy and communications efforts for a range of foundations, non-profit organizations, and political candidates at two award-winning consulting firms — Behr Communications and GMMB. Fleischer lives in Washington DC with her husband Lucas and their two boys. She hails from South Jersey — and is proud of it.

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Frank Gettridge
Executive Director
National Public Education Support Fund

Frank London Gettridge is an educator who has dedicated his career working to improving the lives of the most vulnerable children and families. Earlier in his career, Frank was an elementary school principal in the Chicago Public Schools. Prior to joining the National Public Education Support Fund (NPESF) as the Executive Director, Frank was the National Lead of Program Strategies at the W.K. Kellogg Foundation addressing issues of inequality, including creating the conditions that help vulnerable children to achieve. In this role, Frank lead the integration of national grantmaking strategies, including health, education and workforce.

Frank holds a doctorate of global education from the University of Southern California, during which time he studied public education systems across three different countries. He holds a master's degree in child development from the Erikson Institute in Chicago, IL and a bachelor's degree in early childhood education from Morris Brown College in Atlanta, GA.

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Jocelyn Roof is a junior at the University of Iowa studying sociology and political science (now online!). She is originally from Waterloo, IA, where her parents, brother, and 2 cats still reside. She has interned at the UI Public Policy Center in the Social and Education Policy program and founded the University of Iowa’s nonpartisan voter engagement organization called Hawk the Vote.

Throughout her time in college, she has taken a special interest in the way universities can grant not only an academic education, but a democratic one as well. In summer 2020, she will work for the University of Iowa to develop new programs for community outreach and engagement which simultaneously serve as high-impact learning experiences for students. In the future she hopes to study public administration in graduate school and work in community and economic development somewhere in the Midwest, where she has always called home. In her free time, she enjoys biking and drinking coffee at local cafes.