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6:00 - 10:00 pm

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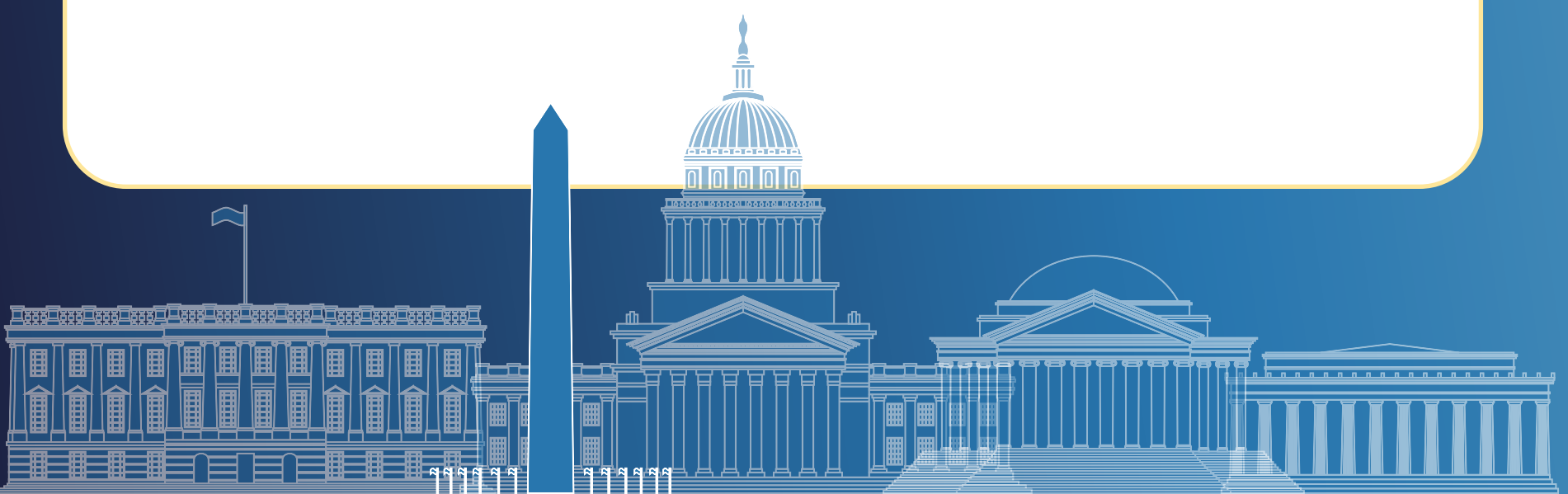


About The Williams Institute

The Williams Institute is the leading research center on sexual orientation and gender identity law and public policy. We ensure that facts — not stereotypes — inform laws, policies, and judicial decisions that affect the LGBTQ community.

The Williams Institute is dedicated to conducting rigorous, independent research on sexual orientation and gender identity law and public policy.

The Institute disseminates its research to policymakers, judges, the media, and other stakeholders to ensure that decisions impacting the lives of millions of LGBTQ people and families are based on data and facts.



Message from Founding Executive Director Brad Sears



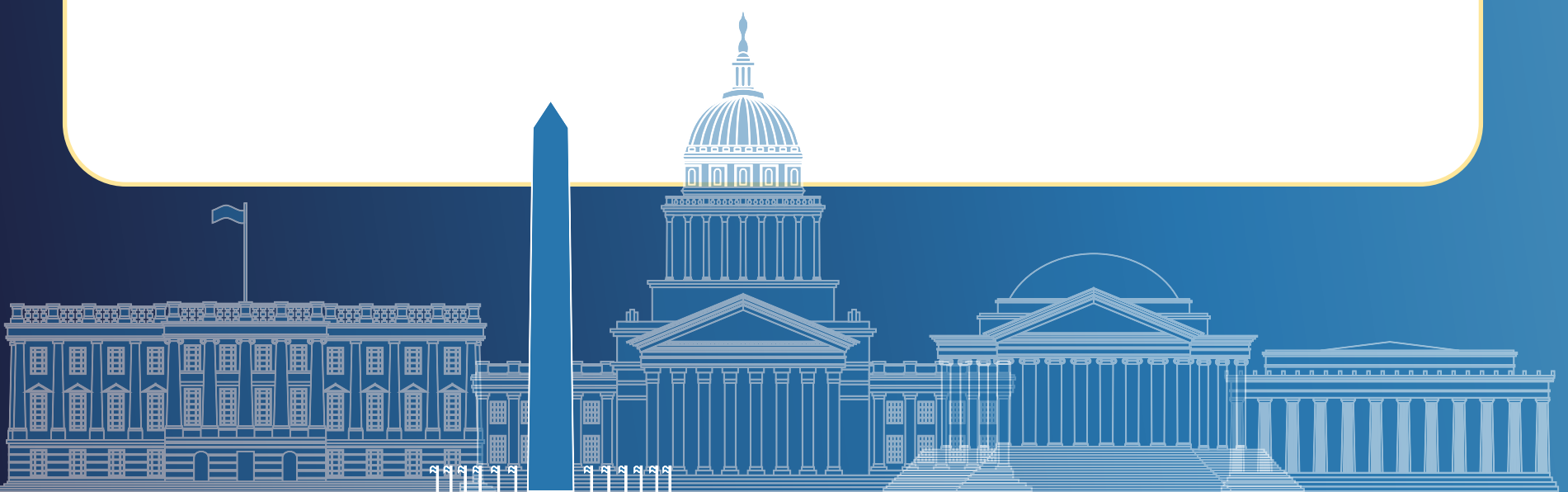
Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Williams Institute's 2022 DC Spring Reception, our first in-person event in D.C. in over two years!

We would like to thank our D.C. Leadership Council, Williams Institute Founders Council Board Co-Chair Tom Munteer, and our D.C. Event Co-Chairs, Sandra Moscoso and Floyd Mills. They have made this our most successful D.C. event yet!

We are also honored to welcome Congressman David Cicilline as our keynote speaker and appreciate our panelists for sharing their knowledge and strategies to end poverty in LGBTQ communities. Your support directly impacts this work and much more.

We have never been busier with the unprecedented opportunities at the federal level and fighting back the avalanche of mean-spirited laws directed at LGBTQ youth at the state and local levels.



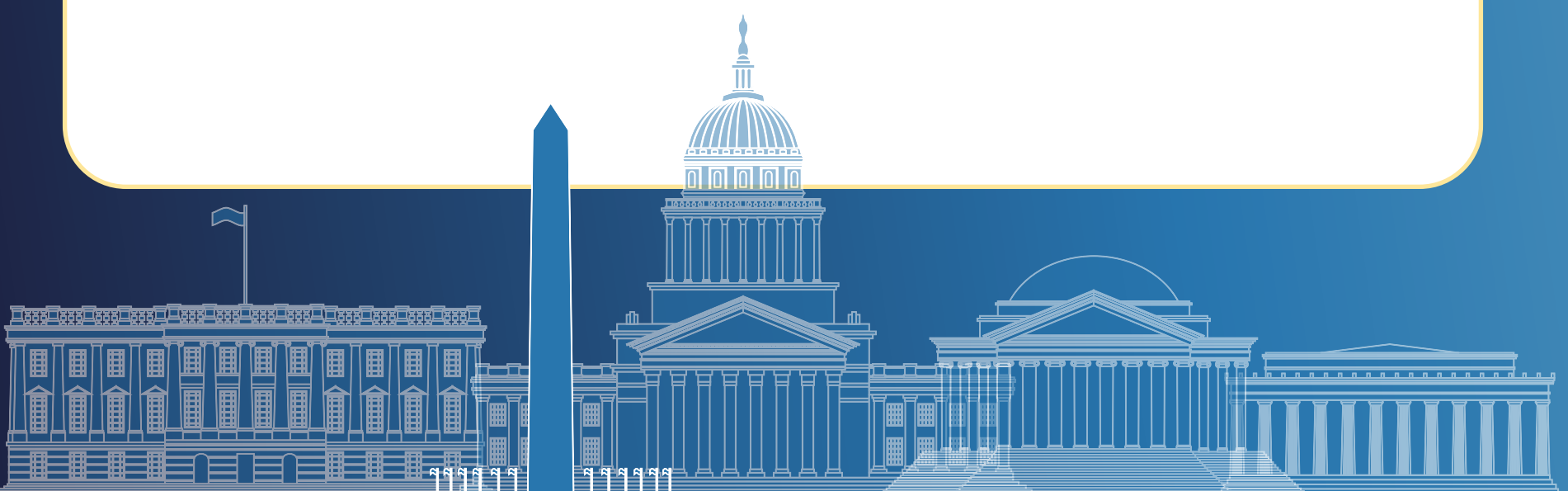
Thank you to our sponsors and all of the attendees for supporting the Institute, as we celebrate tonight and prepare for the work ahead.

With gratitude,

Brad Sears

Founding Executive Director

Williams Institute, UCLA School of Law



Welcome from our Hosts



THOMAS R. MOUNTEER

The Williams Institute Founders Council
Co-Chair

Thanks to the many friends of the Williams Institute in Washington, D.C., who have supported our 2022 Spring Reception. We're very pleased to be able to gather in person after two springs apart. And we're thankful to long-time friends of the Institute Floyd Mills and Sandra Moscoso for all their efforts as this year's co-chairs.

We're also pleased to welcome Federal Policy Director Elana Redfield to the Institute and look forward to supporting her efforts in the years to come. As you'll see from the tremendous educational panel that precedes the reception, the Institute's work remains vital. With your continued support, the Institute will continue to make a difference on issues that matter to us.



Welcome from our Hosts



FLOYD MILLS



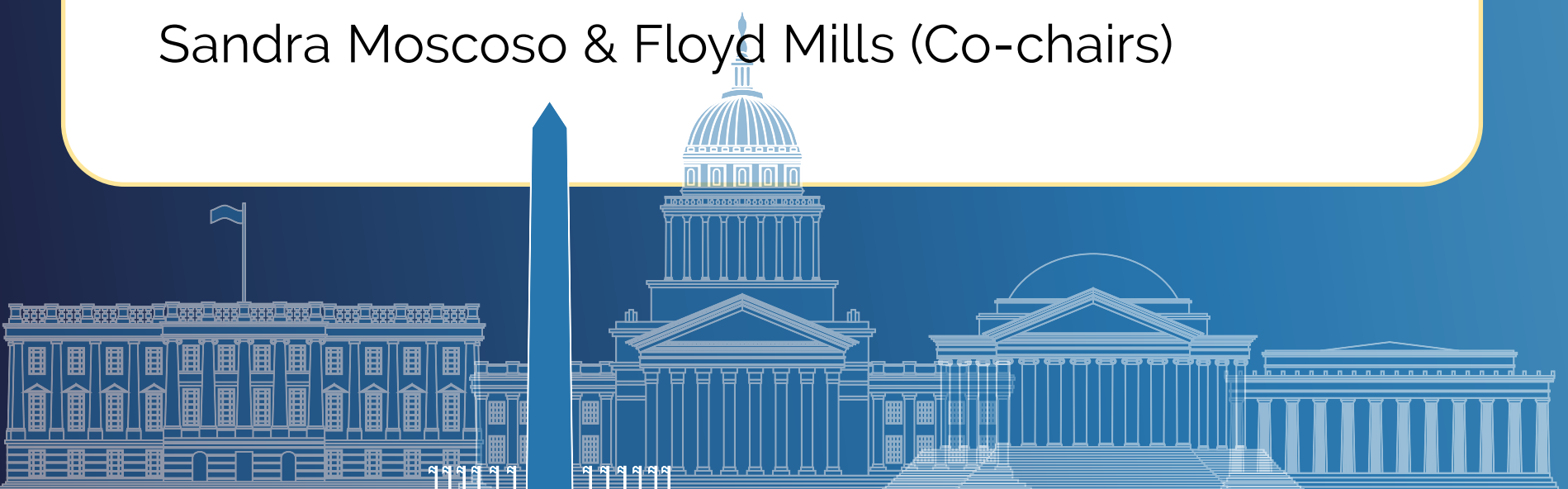
SANDRA MOSCOSO

We are honored to serve as the co-chairs of the Williams Institute's 2022 DC Spring Reception and excited to reconnect with many friends after two years of virtual gatherings (meeting over Zoom and the occasional virtual happy hour!).

We are grateful for the many supporters of the DC Spring Reception. Through your support, we raised a record amount for the DC Reception! Your generosity has helped us to exceed our fundraising goal and will help the Williams Institute to continue its good work.

We are especially grateful to our good friend, Tom Munteer, who is the heart of the D.C. Leadership Council. Tom's enthusiastic support of the Institute encourages and motivates many others. Tom, thank you for all you do.

Sandra Moscoso & Floyd Mills (Co-chairs)



Program

6:00 pm

PANEL PRESENTATION

Poverty & Prejudice: LGBTQ Disparities and Strategies for Moving Forward.

Moderated by Christy Mallory

Panelists:

Elana Redfield, Tyrone Hanley, Tralonne Shorter,
Japer Bowles

7:00 pm

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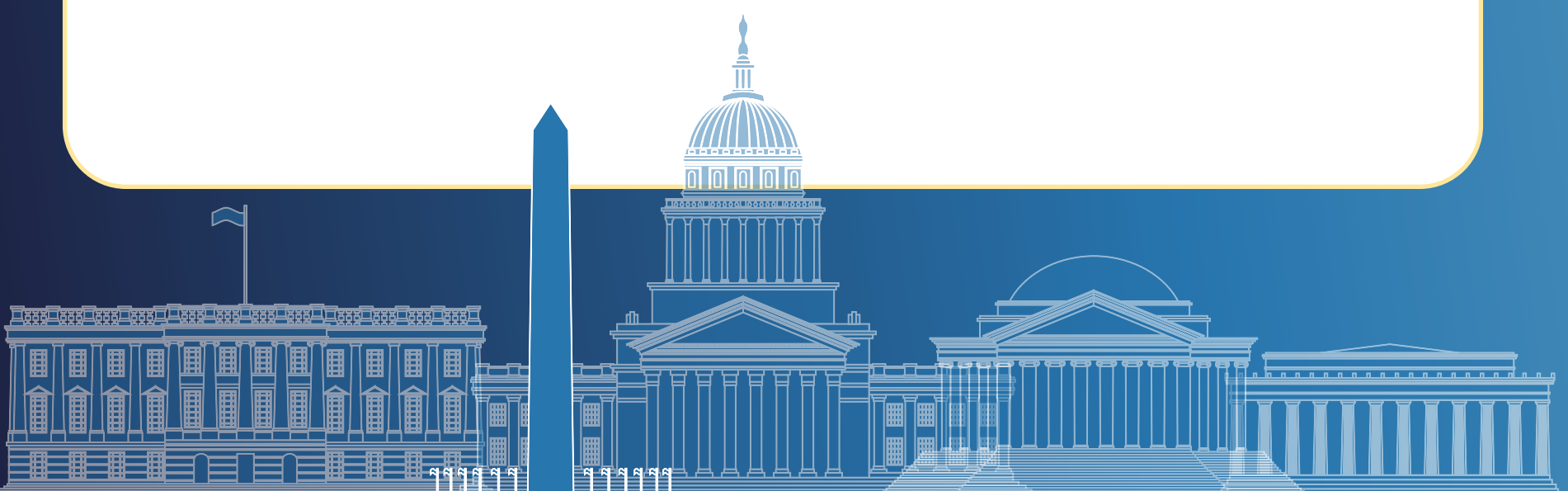
7:30 pm

**WELCOME: 2022 DC Event Co-Chairs,
Floyd Mills and Sandra Moscoso**

Brad Sears,
Executive Director, The Williams Institute

Elana Redfield,
Federal Policy Director, The Williams Institute

Keynote Speaker:
U.S. Representative David Cicilline



Program

8:30 pm

RECEPTION CLOSES

**Founders Dinner guests move to the
Drawing Room**

8:40 pm

**WELCOME: Tom Munteer, The Williams Institute
Founders Council Co-Chair**

Bishop Gene Robinson

10:00 pm

THANK YOU FOR COMING

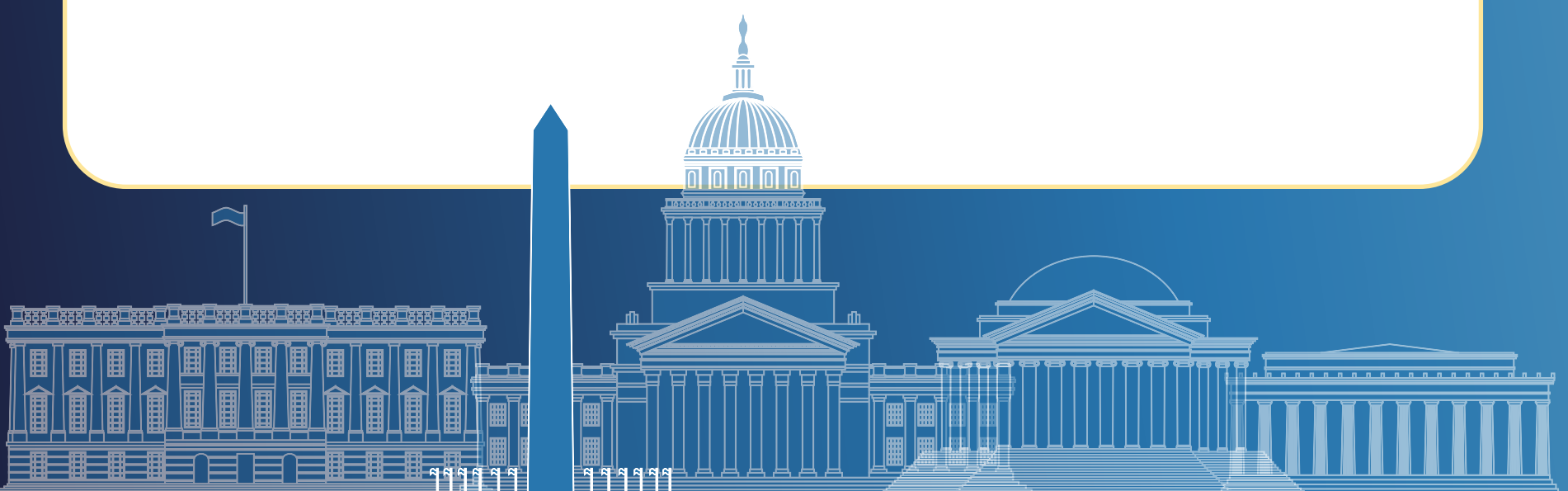


U.S. Congressman The Honorable David Cicilline



Congressman David N. Cicilline serves Rhode Island's First Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. Cicilline is a leader in Congress on issues of core American values, serving as Chairman of the House Antitrust Subcommittee, Chair of the Congressional LGBTQ+ Equality Caucus, and Vice Chair of the Congressional Progressive Caucus.

In 2015, following the Supreme Court's historic decision on marriage equality, Cicilline introduced the Equality Act to extend comprehensive anti-discrimination protections to the LGBT community in public accommodations, housing, employment, federal funding, education, credit, and jury service. In most states, it is legal for employers, renters, and educational institutions to discriminate against Americans based on their sexual orientation or gender identity. The Equality Act prohibits discrimination across all 50 states by expanding the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and other existing civil rights laws.



Panel

CHRISTY MALLORY (Moderator)

Legal Director & Daniel Renberg Senior

Scholar of Law & Policy,

The Williams Institute at UCLA School of Law

Poverty & Prejudice: LGBTQ Disparities and Strategies for Moving Forward

As attacks on LGBTQ rights continue, we see some of the greatest impacts among low-income LGBTQ people—particularly among people facing multiple forms of discrimination. Building on years of research on poverty within LGBTQ communities, recent studies from the Williams Institute confirm that there are stark disparities in wealth, stable housing, and food access when measured by race, gender identity and sexual orientation. Please join us as we talk with policy leaders about their strategies to end LGBTQ and racial wealth gaps, and the role of research and public policy in bringing about change.

Click **here** for Williams Institute Data about LGBTQ Poverty



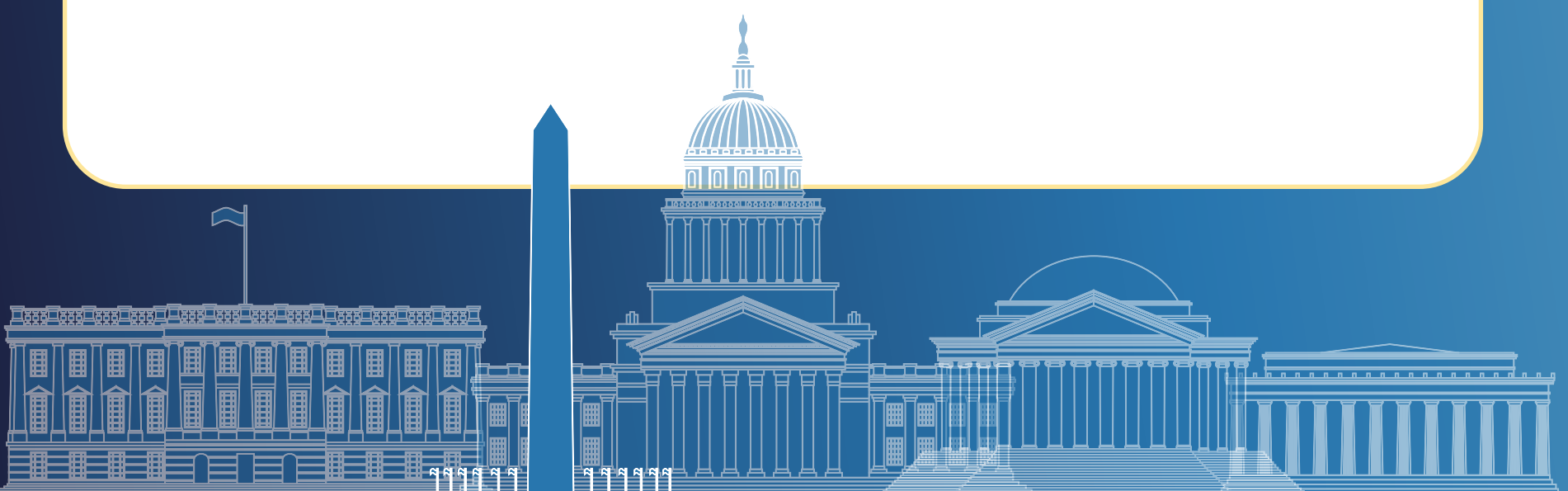
Our Panelists



JAPER BOWLES

D.C. Mayor's Office of LGBTQ Affairs

Japer Bowles, a local queer advocate and public affairs professional, has experience in constituent services and expertise in local and state legislative processes. He recently led a coalition of more than thirty local LGBTQ+ businesses and nonprofit organizations and over 60 elected officials to develop priorities and strategize investments and programs supportive to the LGBTQ+ community, including housing, workforce development, and a resource community center. Director Bowles previously served as a legislative manager at Stateside and also served two terms as an ANC commissioner in service of residents in Adams Morgan.



Our Panelists



TYRONE HANLEY

Director of Racial and Economic Justice Initiatives, National Center for Lesbian Rights

Tyrone Hanley was born and raised with his two brothers by his Black lesbian mother in a low-income community in the 'burbs of Chicago. She taught him how to be authentic, loving, curious, and non-judgmental. He brings his upbringing into his work by focusing on those most marginalized in the LGBTQ community. As Director of Racial and Economic Justice Initiatives at NCLR, he focuses on the criminalization of queer/trans sexuality and those living with HIV and LGBTQ poverty. Tyrone was a co-author of the first national LGBTQ poverty agenda, "Intersecting Injustice: A National Call to Action, Addressing LGBTQ Poverty and Economic Justice for All," co-founder of the National LGBTQ Anti-Poverty Action Network, and founder of NCLR's "We Serve with Love" campaign.



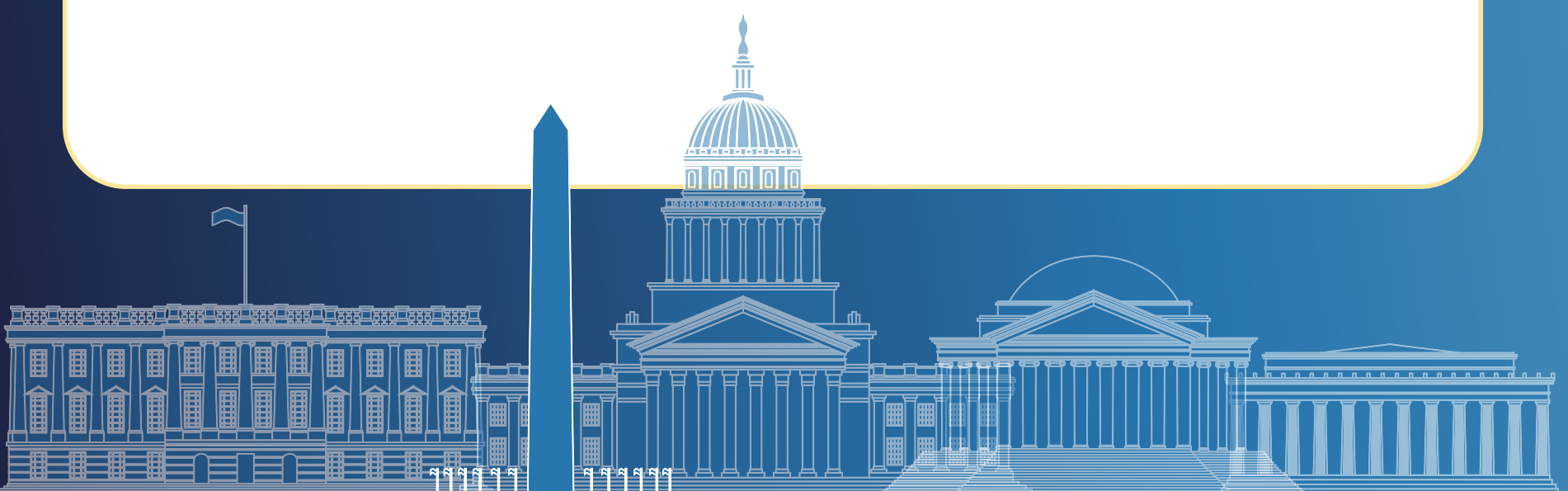
Our Panelists



ELANA REDFIELD

Federal Policy Director, The Williams Institute

Elana Redfield is the Federal Policy Director at the Williams Institute. In this role, she coordinates the Institute's legal research and analysis related to federal and state policies that impact lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, and intersex people. Before joining the Williams Institute, Elana worked with the New York City Department of Social Services, where she oversaw the agency's initiative to improve safety net services and homelessness interventions for LGBTQI communities. Prior to this, Elana served as a staff attorney for the Sylvia Rivera Law Project, where she utilized direct legal representation, impact litigation, public education, and policy strategies to help meet survival needs and promote the self-determination of low-income transgender people and transgender people of color.



Our Panelists



TRALONNE SHORTER

Director of Legislative Affairs,
The Center for Law and Social Policy

Tralonne Shorter is the director of legislative affairs at the Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP). As the chief lobbyist, Tralonne leads CLASP's strategic engagement with Congress across policy teams. Tralonne brings more than two decades as a passionate advocate for gender and racial justice with experience on the Hill and at the federal and state levels. She joined CLASP from NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice where she served as the Senior Government Relations Advocate. Prior to NETWORK, Tralonne held leadership roles at UNCF, the YWCA USA, the office of the late Senator Frank Lautenberg, and Beloved Community, LLC, a civic engagement advocacy firm she founded. Tralonne serves on the Board of Directors for the Committee for Education Funding, as well as other civic committees throughout her community.



Our Panelists



CHRISTY MALLORY

**Legal Director, The Williams Institute
(moderator)**

Christy Mallory is the Renberg Senior Scholar and the Legal Director at the Williams Institute. Her work focuses on state and local laws and policies that impact LGBT people, including sexual orientation and gender identity non-discrimination protections, laws barring the use of the gay and trans panic defenses, conversion therapy bans, anti-bullying policies, and others. Mallory's work has been published in several media outlets, journals, and books including *When Mandates Work* (UC Press, 2013), the *Loyola of Los Angeles Law Review*, the *LGBTQ Policy Journal* at the Harvard Kennedy School, and the *Albany Government Law Review*. She also serves as the director of the Williams Institute's annual moot court competition, the only national competition exclusively focused on LGBT law.



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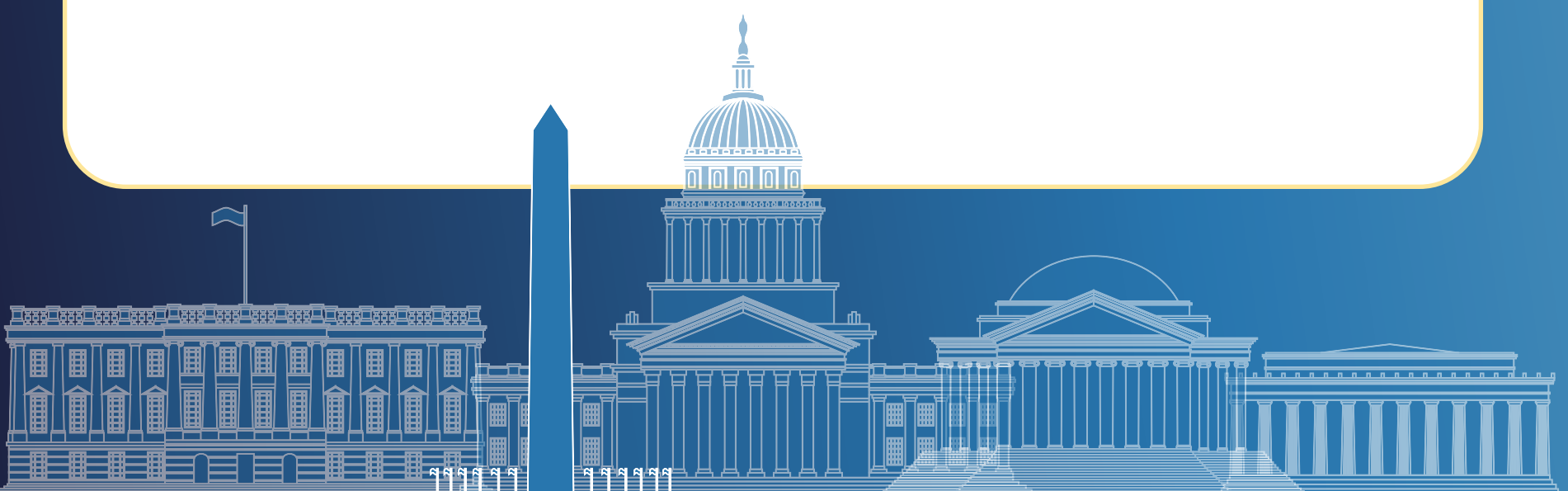
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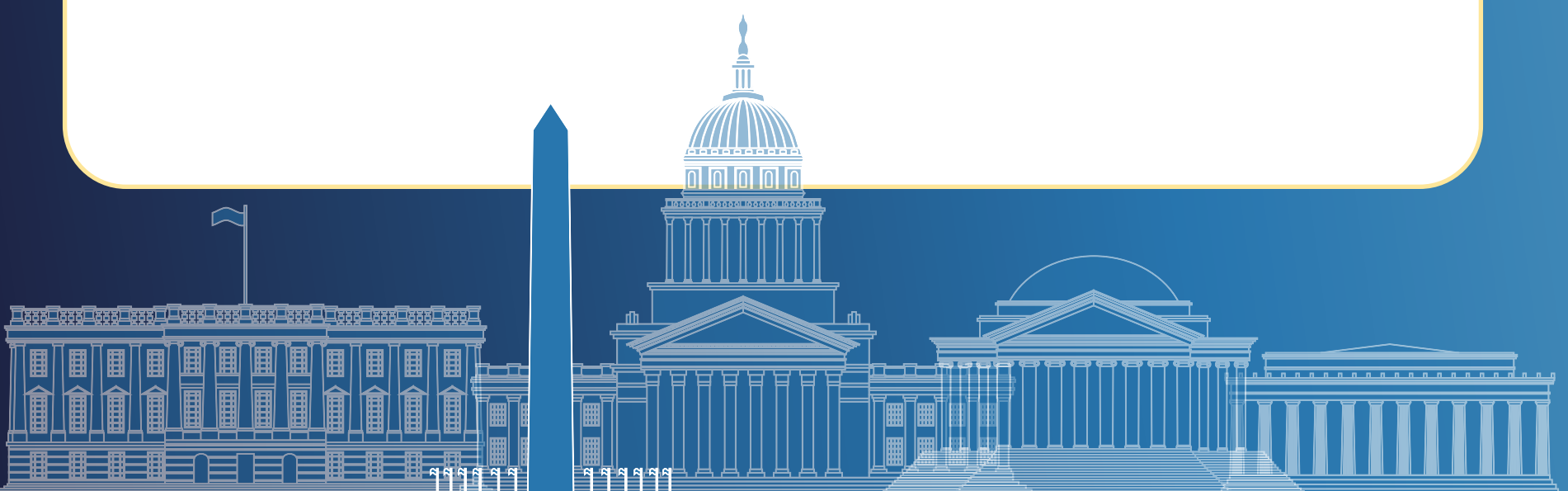
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