

# The Talent Lab at FIU in Washington, D.C.

## Women in Politics and Policy – Spring 2022

Tuesday, March 8

**9:30-10:00am Welcome!** Zoom  
Eric Feldman, FIU in DC

**10:00-11:00am Local Politics and Policy at the Federal Level** Zoom  
**Rebecca Kagan**, Strategic Director for Federal Affairs, San Diego County  
*Moderator: Melanie Rey*

**3:00-4:00pm Victory Fund & Institute** Zoom  
**Mayor Annise Parker**, President and CEO; Former Mayor of Houston  
*Moderator: Skylar Gold*

Wednesday, March 9

**10:00-11:00am American Bar Association Commission on Immigration** Zoom  
**Adonia Simpson**, Director of Policy  
*Moderator: Mariam Ramirez*

**2:00-3:00pm National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda** Zoom  
**Marcela Howell**, President & CEO  
**Racine Tucker-Hamilton**, Vice President of Communications  
*Moderator: Angela Mott*

**3:00pm-4:00pm Think Tank Visit: Cato Institute** Zoom  
**Gabriela Calderon de Burgos**, Editor, EICato.org  
**Cathy Young**, Senior Fellow

**6:00pm-7:00pm Women in the Foreign Service** Zoom  
**Mignon Turner Houston**, Diplomat-in-Residence  
**Michelle C. Bloom**, Foreign Affairs Officer, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons  
**Maria Macarena Apud**, Economic Officer, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs

Thursday, March 10

**10:00-11:00am Women Running for Office** Zoom  
**Donna Lent**, President, National Women's Political Caucus  
**Erica Teti-Zilinskas**, Director of Communications, She Should Run  
*Moderator: Ashley De Olivera*

**3:00-4:00pm Hill Visit** Zoom  
**Andrea Morales**, Director of Operations & Press Assistant, Rep. Diaz-Balart (FL-25)  
**Ednise Sainval**, Operations Manager, House Office of Diversity and Inclusion  
**Nikki Rapanos**, Deputy Chief of Staff, Rep. Carlos Gimenez (FL-26)  
*Moderator: Danielle Haller*

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