



**The DC LERA Board of Governors invites you to the monthly luncheon meeting Wednesday, February 25, 2015...**

## **Why and How the U.S. Should Expand Apprenticeship** with guest speaker

**Dr. Robert L. Lerman**

Institute Fellow at Urban Institute



This seminar focuses on how expanding apprenticeship can upgrade skills of American workers, raise the earnings of the middle class, reduce youth unemployment, improve the competitiveness of firms, and increase economic mobility. It reviews recent initiatives in England, South Carolina, and proposals by Republicans and the Obama Administration to strengthen the role of apprenticeship. Dr. Robert I. Lerman, a national expert on apprenticeship, will discuss why key elements are critical in any expansion effort.

Dr. Robert I. Lerman is an Institute Fellow at Urban Institute, Professor of Economics at American University, and a Research Fellow at IZA in Bonn, Germany ([www.iza.org](http://www.iza.org)). A leading expert on apprenticeship, Dr. Lerman recently established the American Institute for Innovative Apprenticeship ([www.innovativeapprenticeship.org](http://www.innovativeapprenticeship.org)). His published research covers employment issues, inequality, family structure, income support, and youth development. In the 1970s, he worked as staff economist for both the Congressional Joint Economic Committee and the U.S. Department of Labor. Dr. Lerman was one of the first scholars to examine the patterns and economic determinants of unwed fatherhood and to propose a youth apprenticeship strategy in the U.S. He earned his A.B. from Brandeis University and his PhD in Economics from M.I.T.

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**Delicious lunch:** Buffet with salad, choice of two entrées, vegetarian options (let us know when you register), sides, choice of dessert, plus coffee/iced/tea. Cash wine service.

**Time:** Sign-in: 11:30; Lunch: 12:00; Program & Q&A: 12:30; Adjourn 1:30. **Program begins at 12:30.**

**Venue:** Woman's National Democratic Club located in the historic Whittemore House at 1526 New Hampshire Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20036, just one block from Dupont Circle and its Red Line Metro station.

**Price:** Members \$25, Guest of Members \$25, Non-members \$30, Students \$15.

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