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Today's youth will shape tomorrow's economy; their job problems and prospects have far-reaching social implications. With baby boomers nearing retirement and some scholars predicting labor shortages in the near future, the rising educational levels and computer skills of young people could translate into unusually bright career outlooks. However, youth joblessness in the United States has recently risen to historic highs, and health insurance coverage, unionization and college affordability have all fallen. Growing concerns over strained public pension and health care systems are driving millions to delay retirement and leading some to warn that a "generational storm" may be on the horizon. What are the causes and consequences of such trends? How does the U.S. experience compare with the experiences of other industrialized nations? What are the most promising policies for improving young peoples' future employment prospects?

This conference invites original papers that explore the suggested topics listed below or other closely related topics:

- Youth unemployment, pay, working conditions and schedules.
- Student employment: impacts on school performance, career paths and family income.
- Schooling and training: access to affordable college or noncollege training.
- Health issues: youth workplace injury rates and health insurance coverage.
- Racial, ethnic, gender and class employment differentials and discrimination.
- Adult/youth job competition and "two-tier" pay/benefit structures.
- Young peoples' involvement with unions and other worker advocacy organizations.
- Globalization's impacts on the youth labor force: immigration, trade and outsourcing.
- Government laws, regulations and programs relevant to youth employment.
- Strategies to improve both the quantity and quality of young workers' job opportunities.

Papers should focus on 16- to 24-year-olds in the United States or other advanced economies. They should be accessible to an interdisciplinary audience and should not have been previously published. Papers selected for presentation at the conference will also be considered for potential publication. Proposals for panels or round-tables in which you are willing to participate are also welcome.

Please first send a detailed abstract (in MS Word for Windows) of 3-4 pages, along with a brief, current curriculum vitae and full contact information, no later than **March 15, 2005**.

E-mail the abstract as an attachment to: [hofculctr@hofstra.edu](mailto:hofculctr@hofstra.edu) and to [laborstudies@hofstra.edu](mailto:laborstudies@hofstra.edu).

Mail a hard copy to: Youth Employment 2005 Conference, Hofstra Cultural Center, 200 Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY 11549-2000.

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