

## I. Resume:

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United for a Fair Economy is a national, nonpartisan, nonprofit, organization that raises public awareness of the dangers of growing economic inequality in America, with a view that concentrated wealth undermines and corrupts democracy, deepens the economic divide, widens racial divisions, and tears apart our social fabric. Founded as a "movement support" organization in 1995, it provides information and analysis infused with common sense and humor that demystifies the economy, and inspires people from all walks of life to take action to change the rules.

United for a Fair Economy has been the single, most effective group in the country for publicizing issues of growing economic inequality, income and wealth disparities, and the persistent economic gap between whites and people of color. Under Meizhu's leadership, UFE has honed its messages and broadened its reach, tapping into the concerns of grassroots constituencies, including those who do not speak English as their first language.

Meizhu was a Boston City Hospital kitchen worker for 20 years, rising from the ranks to become President of AFSCME Local 1489. The local tackled tough issues like maintaining affirmative action gains during lay-offs. In 1993 Meizhu became an organizer for Health Care For All, building a multi-ethnic coalition that challenged Boston's hospitals to fund community driven health projects.

Meizhu served on the Center for American Progress' National Initiative to End Poverty. She is a Trustee of the Hyams Foundation in Boston. Her work has been honored by the YWCA, the Immigrant Workers' Resource Center, Mass Senior Action Council, and the Boston Women's Fund, among others. She is a long-time member of Freedom Road Socialist Organization, a national organization well known for its participation in struggles for fundamental social change, against racism, and for a strong left.

## II. List of Publications related to asset building

*The Color of Wealth: The Story Behind the U.S. Racial Wealth Divide*, The New Press, 2006, with four other authors associated with United for a Fair Economy.

Articles in *The Wealth Inequality Reader*, Dollars & Sense, 2004

- "Doubly Divided: The Racial Wealth Gap"
- "Closing the Racial Wealth Gap for the Next Generation"
- "Unions and the Wealth Divide: An Interview with Bill Fletcher"

Article in *Inequality Matters*, Jim Lardner and David Smith, editors, in collaboration with Demos, The New Press, 2005.

- "Snowballs and Treadmills"

Article forthcoming in *10 Excellent Reasons Taxes Matter*, The New Press, scheduled for publication in 2007

- "Accounting for Racial Inequity: A Taxing Problem"

"State of the Dream: Disowned in the Ownership Society," United for a Fair Economy, 2005

"Stalling the Dream: Cars, Race, and Hurricane Evacuation," United for a Fair Economy, 2006

**III. List of Presentations** related to asset building. A selected list from 2006 and 2007:

Jan. 19, 2006, Houma Native American gathering, "After the Storm," with Oweesta Financial Development Corporation

Jan 31, 2006, Panel on *Inequality Matters* book with Paul Krugman

March 22, 2006, Edwards Center on Poverty, panel on the racial wealth gap, with Dalton Conley, et al

May 20, 2006, CSEA conference, "Racing to Inequality" workshop

June 28, 2006, National Education Association conference, "Asset Building" workshop

July 13, 2006, Pilipino Workers Association hosted "The Color of Wealth" workshop

Sept. 20, 2006, Corporation for Enterprise Development, "The Racial Wealth Gap"

Oct. 12, 2006, Social Venture Network, "Race and Wealth," with Wade Rathke, ACORN

Nov. 12, 2006, Consumer Rights Litigation Conference, keynote on the Racial Wealth Divide

Dec. 4, 2006, The Racial Wealth Gap conference, NEDLC, opening plenary panel moderated by jon powell

Feb. 4, 2007, Orange County Human Rights Commission, Raleigh, North Carolina, keynote speech

Feb. 6, 2007, National Coalition for Community and Justice, North Carolina, workshop on "The Color of Wealth"

March 31, 2007, Black Educators Alliance of Massachusetts conference, workshop on "Closing the Achievement Gap: the Role of Wealth"

May 8, 2007, Community Action Partnership of Maryland annual conference, keynote speaker on "Race, Poverty, and Social Justice"

**IV. Articles and downloadable workshops are available at:**  
<[www. Faireconomy.org](http://www.Faireconomy.org)> and <[www. Racialwealthdivide.org](http://www. Racialwealthdivide.org)>