

## Talking Good Jobs at *The Working Lunch*

Nearly 1,000 business and community leaders and activists packed the room at our signature annual luncheon to learn from MIT business professor Zeynep Ton's research on companies that offer good jobs and achieve great business results.

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“Even in low-cost retail, it's possible to offer good jobs to your employees, low prices to customers, and great return to your investors, all at the same time. But doing that requires...seeing employees not just as a cost to be minimized, but as a strategic asset.”

— Dr. Zeynep Ton, author of *The Good Jobs Strategy*.

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## Victory for Pregnant Workers!



This spring, Women Employed helped win a major victory for pregnant workers in Illinois. Together with partner organizations, we drafted HB 8, a bill that requires employers to provide pregnant workers with reasonable accommodations that lead to healthy pregnancies: things like access to a drink of water, a stool to sit on, or short breaks. We rallied hundreds of advocates across the state to write and call their legislators and we walked the halls in Springfield educating elected officials about the need for these long-overdue workplace protections.

Thanks to this new law, women in Illinois will no longer have to choose between their job and a healthy pregnancy. It's a win for workers, for employers, and for the Illinois economy!

Thanks to everyone who took action. Stay tuned for more ways to make a difference as we work to extend these protections to women nationwide.

“This is a landmark bill that will make Illinois a better place for our moms-to-be. I commend Women Employed for their hard work to pass this important legislation. I look forward to signing it.”

—Illinois Governor Pat Quinn



## ANITA HILL: Speaking Truth to Power

film screening & speak out

Anita Hill's 1991 testimony before the Senate judiciary committee, in which she accused Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas of sexual harassment, sent shock waves through every office in America and brought the issue into the open.

Join us for the film screening as we look back twenty-three years to one woman's raw testimony broadcast in the international spotlight. In *Anita: Speaking Truth to Power*, Academy Award-winning filmmaker Freida Mock focuses on the case that ignited a national conversation about gender equality and power in the workplace.

**Tuesday, August 5th**

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Loyola University Chicago

25 E. Pearson St.

**Tickets just \$20!**

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## Storming Twitter About College Affordability

A college degree is one of the best ways for a woman to lift herself and her family out of poverty. But the soaring cost of tuition is keeping education out of reach for millions of struggling women.

To bring much-needed attention to this issue, Women Employed stormed Twitter on June 10<sup>th</sup> to help everyone #GetSmart. From California to Illinois to New York, students talked about their struggles to afford school, advocates shared information and statistics about the growing burden of student debt, financial aid experts offered tips and strategies for finding financial aid and resources, and state agencies talked about how they're helping to solve the problem.



### Here's what they had to say:



**@Starr525:** Everyday I worry about how I am going to be able to pay off my loans once I am done with school #getsmart #studentdebt #studentloans



**@FirstLadyA:** Why should college be an opportunity only for rich & elite? Everyone deserves the right to an education #GetSmart <http://nyti.ms/RMbTcq>



**@ISACFinAid:** Dealing with federal student loan debt? #getsmart about repayment options at [https://studentaid.ed.gov/repay-loans/understand/plans ...](https://studentaid.ed.gov/repay-loans/understand/plans...)



**@Remiliz:** 2/3 of adult students who drop out of college do so bc they don't have the \$ to continue. Affordable higher ed is critical issue! #GetSmart

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