

ComCap, an initiative of Hatch Innovation

A platform for leadership and best practice in community capital.

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For immediate release: The leading national conference for community capital advocates is back!



ComCap17 provides tools, knowledge, and strategies for increasing social equity, citizen engagement, local resilience and community impact. The third annual ComCap national conference will be held September 10-13, 2017 in downtown Monterey, CA. Registration for early-bird tickets is now available!

Hosted by Hatch Innovation, the nonprofit behind ComCap; the Middlebury Institute of International Studies (MIIS); and the City of Monterey.

“Access to capital is everything.” —Amy Pearl

Speakers will share their expertise for enabling access to capital in local communities during 3 full days of panels, workshops, and presentations. Featured speakers include noted economist and author, Michael Shuman; co-founder of the Sustainable Economies Law Center, Janelle Orsi; and financial expert, Marco Vangelisti (see bios below). Additional speakers include community capital leaders from across the country, including Arno Hesse, founder and CEO of Credibles; Janice Shade and Louisa Schibli, co-founders of Milk Money Vermont; Youngro Lee, co-founder and CEO of NextSeed; Amy Cortese, *New York Times* journalist and author of *Locavesting: The Revolution in Local Investing and How to Profit From It*; Angela Barbash, founder of Reconsider and Revalue; and Amy Pearl, founder of Hatch Innovation and ComCap conferences, with more to be announced on 2017.comcap.us.

“Now is the time for community capital—capital that remains in the community, comes from the community, and benefits the community—ultimately strengthening community.” —Michael Shuman

Who should attend? Economic development professionals, city and county leaders, entrepreneurs, regulators, finance and legal professionals, business technical service providers, local investors, members of the press, students, and anyone interested in equitable access to capital.

[Register now!](#) Early bird tickets are available for a limited time!

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For more information, to arrange an interview or apply for a complimentary press pass, contact Frankie Ku, Brand and Marketing Manager frankie@hatchthefuture.org

FEATURED SPEAKER BIOS

MICHAEL H. SHUMAN *is an economist, attorney, author, entrepreneur, and a globally recognized expert on community economics. He is one of the architects of the crowdfunding reforms that became the “JOBS Act,” signed into law by President Obama in April 2012. Shuman is currently Director of Community Portals for Mission Markets and a Fellow at Cutting Edge Capital and Post-Carbon Institute. He’s also a founding board member of the Business Alliance for Local Living Economies (BALLE). Shuman has authored or coauthored eight books. His most recent book, published by Chelsea Green, is Local Dollars, Local Sense: How to Move Your Money from Wall Street to Main Street and Achieve Real Prosperity.*

JANELLE ORSI *is an attorney living and working in Oakland, California. Her law and mediation practice is focused on helping individuals and organizations share resources and create more sustainable communities. She works with social enterprises, non-profits, cooperatives, community gardens, cohousing communities, ecovillages, and others doing innovative work to change the world. Her primary areas of legal specialty are real estate, small business, nonprofit, and estate planning law. In addition to her private practice, Janelle is Co-Founder and Director of the Sustainable Economies Law Center.*

MARCO VANGELISTI *came to the US as a Fulbright scholar in mathematics and economics at the University of California in Berkeley. In 2009, after managing investment equity portfolios primarily on behalf of large foundations and endowments, Marco left the finance industry. He has been instrumental in the formation and development of the Slow Money Northern California chapter and helping communities around the country increase their capacity for local investing. Marco is currently developing Essential Knowledge for Transition – a curriculum for engaged citizens to understand the money and banking system, the economic system, the financial system and how we need to transform them. Ek4t.com*

AMY PEARL *founded Hatch Innovation in 2014, a nonprofit social enterprise, and is its executive director. Hatch’s mission is to enable citizens to launch enterprises that improve communities. By making innovative strategies “learnable” she enables youth and adults to foster a more equitable, innovative, and capable society. She works at the system level, focusing on building an enabling ecosystem for social and community-building enterprises to flourish. She launched Hatch: A Community Innovation Lab in 2013, the economic engine HatchOregon in 2014, ComCap in 2015, and HatchLab Baker in 2016.*

ComCap17 brings together community capital advocates for a unique educational experience sharing tools, knowledge and strategies for increasing social equity, citizen engagement, local resilience and community impact. For more about ComCap17, visit 2017.comcap.us.