The Center sponsors and cosponsors a wide range of talks on issues of poverty and inequality. We also publish a schedule of upcoming events related to poverty and inequality at Stanford.

2017

"Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City," Matthew Desmond, Princeton University, part of A New Social Compact lecture series (November 28, 2017)

"The Future of Black Metropolis," Mary Pattillo, Northwestern University, cosponsored with Urban Studies (November 1, 2017)


"Coming of Age in the Other America," Stefanie DeLuca, Johns Hopkins University, cosponsored with CEPA and Sociology (April 13, 2017)

"MLK's Most Controversial Speech: Beyond Vietnam," cosponsored with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Research and Education Institute (April 4, 2017)

2016

"Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City," Matthew Desmond, Harvard University, cosponsored with Urban Studies (October 17, 2016)

"Raj Chetty in Conversation with David Grusky on Inequality," Raj Chetty and David Grusky, Stanford University (May 27, 2016)

"Interdisciplinary Seminar on Inequality and Opportunity," Raj Chetty, Stanford University (April 29, 2016)

"The Class Pay Gap in Higher Professional and Managerial Occupations," Sam Friedman, London School of Economics (February 24, 2016)

"The Fluidity of Race: Racial 'Passing' in the United States, 1400-1900," Nancy Qian, Yale University (February 18, 2016)
"The Inequality Debate We Should Be Having," Xavier Briggs, Ford Foundation, moderated by David Grusky, cosponsored by OpenXChange (January 22, 2016)

2015

?From South to North: Struggles for Land and Housing in Unequal Cities,? Ananya Roy, UCLA, cosponsored by Urban Studies (October 29, 2015)

?How Gender and Class Affect Two Types of Transgressive Sexuality,? Paula England, NYU (June 10, 2015)


?Fragmentation of the Family,? Steven Ruggles, University of Minnesota, Population Association of America (February 12, 2015)

American Opportunity Study and Census RDC administrative records research, Catherine Massey, US Census Bureau (January 21, 2015)

2014

?The Patchwork Ecosystem of Local Shopping Streets: Globalization and Gentrification from New York to Shanghai,? Sharon Zukin, Brooklyn College and CUNY Graduate Center, cosponsored by Urban Studies (November 11, 2014)

Paolo Parigi, Stanford University (May 30, 2014)

?Social mobilization of the Youth in Japan: Reassessing the relation between poverty and social activism,? David-Antoine Malinas, Université Paris Diderot (April 18, 2014)


Joan Petersilia, Stanford University (January 24, 2014)

2013

?Where Is the Land of Opportunity? The Geography of Intergenerational Mobility in the United States,? Raj Chetty, Harvard University, cosponsored by the Workshop on Poverty, Inequality and Education (November 11, 2013)

Millionaire Migration, Cristobal Young, Stanford University (November 8, 2013)

?Beyond Child Protection: Helping All Families Provide Adequate Parenting,? Michael Wald, Stanford University (October 4, 2013)

California Poverty Measure, Marybeth Mattingly CPI and, Ann O'Leary, Next Generation (October 2, 2013)
?The Returns to College Education: A Reassessment of Heterogeneous Treatment Effects, Eric Grodsky, Wisconsin (January 25, 2013)

2012

?Building a New Infrastructure for Measuring Segregation, Robert Mare, UCLA (November 2, 2012)

Medical Spending and Poverty Measure, David Betson, Notre Dame (May 25, 2012)

Tracking Trends in Monitoring Poverty, Kathy Edin, Harvard University (May 4, 2012)

?Female employment and economic cycle: the invisible string of inequality?, Olga Salido, Universidad Complutense de Madrid (April 20, 2012)

?The Dynamics of Race and Inequality: Permeable Boundaries and Self-fulfilling Prophecies, Aliya Saperstein, Stanford University, part of Berkeley-Stanford seminar (March 14, 2012)

?Tough Times: Inequality, Family Change, and Children's Life Chances, Frank Furstenberg (March 2, 2012)


2011

?Degrees of Difference: Gender Segregation of US Doctorates by Field and Program Prestige, Kim Weeden, Cornell University, cosponsored by the Clayman Institute (December 6, 2011)


Frank Dobbin, Harvard University (November 28, 2011)


Michael Macy, Cornell University (October 31, 2011)

Steven Brint, UC Riverside (October 10, 2011)

Camille Charles, University of Pennsylvania (October 3, 2011)

?Shades of White: Immigration, the Host Society and the Changing Meaning of Ethnoracial Identity, Tomás Jiménez, Stanford University, part of Berkeley-Stanford seminar (September 28, 2011)

?The Educational Gradient in Marriage: A Comparison of 25 European Countries, Matthijs Kalmijn, Tilburg University (May 20, 2011)

Jianwen Wei (April 29, 2011)

?Overwork and the Persistence of Occupational Sex Segregation, Youngjoo Cha, Indiana (April 22, 2011)

?The Widening Academic Achievement Gap between the Rich and the Poor: New Evidence and Possible Explanations, Sean Reardon, Stanford University, part of Berkeley-Stanford seminar (April 13, 2011)
Determined to Succeed. Performance, Choice, and Education, Michelle Jackson, University of Oxford, Department of Sociology Colloquium (March 11, 2011)

The Rise and Fall (and Rise and Fall) of Security in America, 1650-2010, Claude Fischer, UC Berkeley, part of Berkeley-Stanford seminar (March 9, 2011)

Breaking Down the Wall Between Nature and Nurture: Three Puzzles in Gene by Environment Sociobehavioral Research with Applications to Depression, Dalton Conley, NYU, Department of Sociology Colloquium (February 18, 2011)

Shortchanged, Mariko Chang, cosponsored by the Clayman Institute (February 4, 2011)

The Cosmopolitan Canopy: Race and Civility in Everyday Life, Elijah Anderson, Yale University, Department of Sociology Colloquium (January 28, 2011)

Choosing Homes, Choosing Schools: A Work-in-Progress, Annette Laureau, University of Pennsylvania, Department of Sociology Colloquium (January 7, 2011)

2010

"We Just Clicked? Conversational Features of Social Bonding in Romantic Dates, Daniel A. McFarland, Stanford University, part of Berkeley-Stanford seminar (December 1, 2010)

"Starvation and India's Democracy, Dan Banik, University of Oslo (November 19, 2010)

"Stratification in Poor Neighborhoods and Why It's Important, Martín Sánchez-Jankowski, UC Berkeley, part of Berkeley-Stanford seminar (November 10, 2010)

"Inequality and Attitudes: Individual and Contextual Effects, Robert Andersen, University of Toronto (October 29, 2010)

"Keeping it Local, Then and Now: Patterned Capital Flows as a Local Constituent of Regulation, Josh Pacewicz, Stanford University (October 22, 2010)

My People, My People: How Competing Constructions of "Black People" Shape African-American Republican Politics, Corey Fields, Stanford University (October 8, 2010)

Jesper Sorensen, Stanford University (October 1, 2010)

"Bias in White: A Longitudinal Audit Study of Changes in Discrimination, Brian Rubineau, Cornell University (May 28, 2010)

Emilio Castilla, MIT (May 20, 2010)

Aren't We All Assimilating? Assimilation Processes and the U.S. Host Society, Tomás Jiménez, Stanford University, part of Berkeley-Stanford seminar (May 4, 2010)

Matissa Hollister, Dartmouth (April 30, 2010)

The Effects of Messaging Strategies on Support for Anti-Poverty Programs, Robb Willer, UC Berkeley, part of Berkeley-Stanford seminar (April 13, 2010)

Mario Small, MIT (April 9, 2010)
Rationing Opportunity at U.S. Colleges and Universities, Michael Hout, UC Berkeley, part of Berkeley-Stanford seminar (March 2, 2010)

Jaime Rivière (February 26, 2010)

Eva Meyersson Milgrom (February 19, 2010)

"How Gender Inequality Persists in the Modern World, Cecilia Ridgeway, Stanford University, part of Berkeley-Stanford seminar (Tuesday, February 2, 2010)

Sarah Soule (January 22, 2010)

Categorical Inequalities in a Permanently Failing System: Immigrants and Barriers to Health Care, Donald Light, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, part of Berkeley-Stanford seminar (December 1, 2009)

2009

Arrested Development: Urban Schooling in the Era of Mass Incarceration
May 22, 2009

• Carla Shedd, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Columbia University

Understanding Segregation Dynamics
April 24, 2009

• Elizabeth Bruch, Assistant Professor of Sociology and Complex Systems, University of Michigan

Gender Inequality: Why Some Things Are Changing So Much More Than Others
April 14, 2009

• Part of the Berkeley-Stanford Inequality Seminars
• Paula England, Professor of Sociology, Stanford University

Heterogeneous Effects of College Education
April 3, 2009
Jennie Brand, Department of Sociology, UCLA

The Geography of Economic Insecurity and Regional Resilience
March 10, 2009

Part of the Berkeley-Stanford Inequality Seminars
Karen Chapple, Faculty Director, Center for Community Innovation
Theodore Bo Lee and Doris Shoong Lee, Chair in Environmental Design, City & Regional Planning, University of California-Berkeley

Functional Communities, Social Networks, and Achievement in High School
March 6, 2009

Stephen Morgan, Dept. of Sociology, Cornell University

The Legacy of Disadvantage: Neighborhood Effects across Generations
January 16, 2009

Patrick Sharkey, Dept. of Sociology, New York University

Lessons from Texas for Higher Education
November 7, 2008

Marta Tienda, Professor of Sociology and Demography, the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University

Does Philanthropy Shortchange the Poor? Does Charity Help the Poor? Should We Care if it Doesn't?
May 22, 2008
Part of the Controversies About Inequalities Debates

- Robert Reich, Stanford University
- Kenneth Prewitt, Columbia University

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Is Microlending the Answers?
May 13, 2008

- Part of the Controversies About Inequalities Debates
- Eric Weaver, Lenders for Community Development
- Tracey Pettengill Turner, Microplace

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Delivering Equality: How the Provision of New Public Services Helps Equalize Life Chances
May 7, 2008

- Part of the John E. Sawyer Seminar Series: The Dynamics of Inequality
- Charles Sabel, Professor of Law and Social Science, Columbia University

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Inequality and the Beautiful People: What Should be Done About Discrimination by Beauty?
April 22, 2008

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Part of the Controversies About Inequalities Debates

- Deborah Rhode, Professor of Law, Stanford University
- Robert T. Ford, Professor of Law, Stanford University
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Beyond Institutional Fundamentalism
April 10, 2008

- Part of the The Idea of Justice series
- Amartya Sen, Professor of Economics and Philosophy, Harvard University
- Co-sponsored by the Center for South Asia, Program in Global Justice, Center on Ethics, Aurora Forum, Program in Ethics in Society, Martin Luther King, Jr. Institute, and Office of the President

Impartiality: Contracts versus Voice
April 9, 2008

- Part of the The Idea of Justice series
- Amartya Sen, Professor of Economics and Philosophy, Harvard University
- Co-sponsored by the Center for South Asia, Program in Global Justice, Center on Ethics, Aurora Forum, Program in Ethics in Society, Martin Luther King, Jr. Institute, and Office of the President

Adding Injury to Insult: Why Do the Poor Get Sick?
April 8, 2008

- Part of the Controversies About Inequalities Debates
- Sir Michael Marmot, University College of London
Indignation and Room for Reason

April 8, 2008

- Part of the The Idea of Justice series
- Amartya Sen, Professor of Economics and Philosophy, Harvard University
- Co-sponsored by the Center for South Asia, Program in Global Justice, Center on Ethics, Aurora Forum, Program in Ethics in Society, Martin Luther King, Jr. Institute, and Office of the President

Gender Inequality: Continuing Progress?

April 2, 2008

- Part of the John E. Sawyer Seminar Series: The Dynamics of Inequality
- Francine Blau, Professor of Industrial and Labor Relations and Labor Economics,
- Cornell University
- Co-sponsored by The Mellon Foundation
- Audio Available Here [18]

Immigration and Inequality: An Egalitarian Case for Closed Borders?

March 12, 2008

- Part of the John E. Sawyer Seminar Series: The Dynamics of Inequality
- Stephen Macedo, Professor of Politics and Director of the University Center for Human Values, Princeton University
Making Capital Markets Work for the Entrepreneurial Poor

March 6, 2008

- Gil Crawford, CEO MicroVest

Diversity and Distrust

March 5, 2008

- Part of the John E. Sawyer Seminar Series: The Dynamics of Inequality
- Stephen Macedo, Professor of Politics and Director of the University Center for Human Values, Princeton University
- Co-sponsored by The Mellon Foundation
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Inequality and Attitudes Toward Inequality/The Economy and Inequality

February 6, 2008

- Part of the John E. Sawyer Seminar Series: The Dynamics of Inequality
  Benjamin Friedman, Professor of Economics, Harvard University
- Co-sponsored by The Mellon Foundation
- Audio Available Here [21]

E Pluribus Unum: (Civic/Civil) Engagement in a World of Diversity

January 24, 2008
(Some) Inequality is Good For You
December 5, 2007

Part of the John E. Sawyer Seminar Series: The Dynamics of Inequality

Richard Freeman, Herbert Ascherman Chair, Dept. Of Economics, Harvard University

Co-sponsored by The Mellon Foundation

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Rescuing Equality from Rawls
November 7, 2007

Part of the John E. Sawyer Seminar Series: The Dynamics of Inequality

Gerald Allan Cohen, Chichele Professor of Social and Political Theory, All Souls College, Oxford University

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Equality, Inequality and the Dynamics of Capitalism
October 10, 2007

Part of the John E. Sawyer Seminar Series: The Dynamics of Inequality

Robert Putnam, Professor of Public Policy, Harvard University

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• Part of the John E. Sawyer Seminar Series: The Dynamics of Inequality

William H. Sewell, Jr., Professor of History and Political Science, University of Chicago

• Co-sponsored by The Mellon Foundation

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The Sources of Gender Inequality
May 31, 2007

• Barbara Reskin, Professor of Sociology, University of Washington

• Trond Peterson, Professor of Sociology, UC Berkeley

• Co-sponsored by the Department of Sociology

Class, Cohort, and Expected and Achieved Fertility
May 24, 2007

• Kelly Musick, Assistant Professor of Sociology, USC

• Co-sponsored by the Department of Sociology

Incarceration, Race, and Poverty
May 10, 2007

• Part of the Controversies About Inequalities Debates

• Larry D. Bobo, Center for Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity

• Christopher Uggen, Chair of Sociology, University of Minnesota
China Talk
May 10, 2007

- Gary Hamilton, Professor of Sociology, University of Washington
- Co-sponsored by the Department of Sociology and the Shorenstein Center

Fighting Poverty with Microlending
April 24, 2007

- Eric Weaver, Lenders for Community Development
- Mathew Flannery, CEO and co-founder of Kiva.org
- Jessica Flannery, co-founder of Kiva.org
- Co-sponsored by the Department of Sociology

Toward a New Guilded Age? Class-Biased Institutional Change and Rising Income Inequality
April 19, 2007

- Kim Weeden, Associate Professor of Sociology, Cornell
- Co-sponsored by the Department of Sociology

Inequality and the (Futile) Pursuit of the American Dream
March 13, 2007

- Barbara Ehrenreich