America's Poverty Course

It's a special moment in U.S. history in which income inequality has reached unprecedented levels, poverty remains extreme, and racial and gender inequalities are intransigent. Why is there so much inequality and poverty? How might they be reduced? Find out from the country's top scholars in our course on poverty and inequality. The course is offered through Stanford Online and the course videos are listed below.

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- The Race Between Education and Technology: Lawrence Katz
- The Winner-Take-All Economy: Robert Frank
- Deunionization: Bruce Western
- How Much Inequality Is Too Much?: Richard Freeman

The Experience of Poverty

- U.S. Poverty in Perspective: Sheldon Danziger
- Living in Poverty: Kathryn Edin
- Poor Neighborhoods: Robert Sampson
- Unequal Childhoods: Annette Lareau
- Unstable Housing: Matthew Desmond
- Having Children in Poverty: Kathryn Edin

The Causes of Poverty

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- Early Childhood Intervention: James Heckman
- Neighborhoods and Multi-Generational Effects: Patrick Sharkey
- Labor Markets and Recession: Ann Stevens

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