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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, Stanford University, 1974

M.A., Economics, Stanford University, 1969

B.A., Economics, Carleton College, 1967

CAREER BRIEF

Margaret C. Simms is an Institute Fellow at the Urban Institute in Washington, D.C., where she directs the Low Income Working Families project. Prior to joining the Urban Institute in July 2007, she was Vice President for Governance and Economic Analysis at the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies. She began working at the Joint Center in 1986 as Deputy Director of Research and held positions of increasing responsibility during her 20 year tenure. From May 1 through December 31, 2006, she served as Interim President. Prior to joining the staff of the Joint Center, she was a program director at the Urban Institute.

Dr. Simms was on the faculty of Atlanta University from 1972 to 1981, teaching first in the School of Business Administration and then serving as chair of the Department of Economics in the School of Arts and Sciences. Prior to her appointment at Atlanta University, she was a faculty member at the University of California at Santa Cruz. In 1977 and 1978, Dr. Simms was a Brookings Economic Policy Fellow at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. She has also served as a consultant to a number of organizations, including the U.S. Department of State, the Rockefeller Foundation, and the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

Dr. Simms has edited many books and monographs on black economic well-being, including *Job Creation Prospects and Strategies* (with Wilhelmina A. Leigh) (Washington, D.C. Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, 1998), *Economic Perspectives on Affirmative Action* (Washington, D.C.: Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, 1995); *Moving Up With Baltimore: Creating Career Ladders for Blacks in the Private Sector* (Washington, D.C.: Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, 1991); and *Slipping Through the Cracks: The Status of Black Women* (New Brunswick, New Jersey: Transaction Books, 1986), co-edited with Julianne Malveaux.

Dr. Simms was editor of the *Review of Black Political Economy* from 1983 to 1988 and chaired the Board of Directors of the Institute for Women's Policy Research from 1993 to 1998. She served as President of the National Academy of Social Insurance (NASI) from 2007 to 2009 and unless recently served on the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Data Users Advisory Committee.

In 2005, she was elected to membership in the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and in 2008 the National Economic Association presented her with the Samuel Z. Westerfield Award.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

2007 to present	Institute Fellow and Director, Low Income Working Families Project, The Urban Institute. (Title was initially Senior Fellow.)
1986 to 2007	Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies Hired as Deputy Director of Research. Promoted several times over the years. Served as Interim President from May 1 through December 31, 2006.
9/79-10/86	Senior Research Associate, The Urban Institute; Program Director, Minorities and Social Policy Program from 1981 to 1986
1977-1978	Brookings Economic Policy Fellow U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
1972-1981	Atlanta University (on leave 1979-1981) Hired as Assistant Professor, School of Business Last position held, Associate Professor and Chair of the Economics Department
1973-1975	Adjunct Assistant Professor, Clark College
1971-1972	Acting Assistant Professor, University of California at Santa Cruz
1968-1969	Research Assistant, Stanford University

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Improving Outcomes for Boys and Young Men of Color, Ronald F. Ferguson, Margaret Simms
May 10, 2016

Children of Immigrants: 2013 State Trends Update, Tyler Woods, Devlin Hanson, Shane Saxton,
Margaret Simms, February 23, 2016

New York City's Young Men's Initiative: Status Report and Future Directions, Nan Marie
Astone, Julia Gelatt, Margaret Simms, Dina Emam, William Monson, Urban Institute, January
11, 2016.

*Structural Barriers to Racial Equity in Pittsburgh: Expanding Economic Opportunity for African
American Men and Boys*, Margaret Simms, Marla McDaniel, Saunji D. Fyffe, Christopher
Lowenstein, Urban Institute, November 20, 2015.

*Barriers and Bridges: An Action Plan for Overcoming Obstacles and Unlocking Opportunities
for African American Men in Pittsburgh*, Margaret Simms, Marla McDaniel, Saunji D. Fyffe,
Urban Institute, November 20, 2015

An Evaluation of the Impacts and Implementation Approaches of Financial Coaching Programs,

Brett Theodos, Margaret Simms, Mark Treskon, Christina Plerhoples Stacy, Rachel Brash, Dina Emam, Rebecca Daniels, Juan Collazos, Urban Institute, October 6, 2015.

The CUNY Fatherhood Academy: A Qualitative Evaluation, Marla McDaniel, Margaret Simms, William Monson, Erwin de Leon, Urban Institute, February 17, 2015.

Randomized Controlled Trials and Financial Capability, Brett Theodos, Margaret Simms, Rachel Brash, Claudia Ayanna Sharygin, Dina Emam, Urban Institute, June 30, 2014.

“Do Racial Disparities in Private Transfers Help Explain the Racial Wealth Gap? New Evidence from Longitudinal Data”, Signe-Mary McKernan, Caroline Ratcliffe, Margaret Simms and Sisi Zhang, *Demography*, June 2014 (DOI: 10.1007/s13524-014-0296-7)

Education and Employment of Disconnected Low-Income Men (Research Brief), Margaret Simms, Karina Fortuny, Marla McDaniel, William Monson, Urban Institute, January 2014.

Summary of an Urban Ethnographers' Symposium on Low-Income Men (Research Brief), Margaret Simms, Marla McDaniel, William Monson, Urban Institute, January 2014.

Imprisonment and Disenfranchisement of Disconnected Low-Income Men (Research Brief), Marla McDaniel, Margaret Simms, William Monson, Karina Fortuny, Urban Institute, January 2104.

Low-Income Men at the Margins: Caught at the Intersection of Race, Place and Poverty (Research Report), Margaret Simms, Marla McDaniel, William Monson, Karina Fortuny, Urban Institute, January 8, 2014.

The Health of Disconnected Low-Income Men (Research Brief), Urban Institute, Margaret Simms, Marla McDaniel, William Monson, Karina Fortuny, January 2014.

A Demographic Snapshot of Disconnected Low-Income Men (Research Brief), Marla McDaniel, Margaret Simms, Karina Fortuny, William Monson, Urban Institute, January 2014.

“Labor Market” with Daniel Kuehn, *Encyclopedia of Race and Racism*, 2nd edition. Ed. Patrick L. Mason, Vol X. Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA, 2013.

Do Financial Support and Inheritance Contribute to the Racial Wealth Gap? (Fact Sheet/Opportunity and Ownership Project) with Signe-Mary McKernan, Caroline Ratcliffe, Sisi Zhang, Urban Institute, September 2012.

Racial and Ethnic Differences in Receipt of Unemployment Insurance Benefits During the Great Recession with Austin Nichols, Urban Institute, July 2012.

Implementation of Community Services Block Grants under ARRA, with Carol DeVita, Erwin de Leon, Saunji Fyffe, Elaine Morley, Carolyn T. O'Brien, Monica Rohacek, Molly M. Scott, Sarah Ting, Urban Institute, June 2012.

Today's Children, Tomorrow's America: Six Experts Face the Facts (Research Report) C. Eugene Steuerle, Robert D. Reischauer, Margaret Simms, Olivia Golden, Kim Rueben, Lisa Dubai, Urban Institute, October 2011.

Private Transfers, Race, and Wealth (Research Report), Signe-Mary McKernan, Caroline Ratcliffe, Margaret Simms, Sisi Zhang, Urban Institute, August 2011.

50+ African American Workers: A Status Report, Implications, and Recommendations, with Richard W. Johnson, and Owen Haaga, AARP and the Urban Institute, February 2011.

An Agenda for Strengthening Unemployment Insurance for the 21st Century, with Stephen A. Woodbury, National Academy of Social Insurance, January 2011.

Strengthening Unemployment Insurance for the 21st Century: A Roundtable Report, with Stephen A. Woodbury, National Academy of Social Insurance, January 2011.

The Integration of Immigrants and Their Families in Maryland: A Look at Children of Immigrants and Their Families in Maryland, with Karina Fortuny, Ajay Chaudry, and Randy Capps, Annie E. Casey Foundation, June 2010.

Racial and Ethnic Disparities Among Low-Income Families, with Karina Fortuny and Everett Henderson, Urban Institute Fact Sheet, August 2009.

Children of Immigrants: National and State Characteristics, with Karina Fortuny, Randolph Capps, and Ajay Chaudry, Urban Institute Perspectives, May 2009.

The Stimulus Package (HR1) and Low Income Families, Urban Institute Research Report, March 2009.

Tailoring Assistance: How Antipoverty Policy Can Address Diverse Needs within the Poverty Population. Commentary to Spotlight on Poverty and Opportunity, January 2009

Unemployment Insurance during a Recession, with Daniel Kuehn, Recession and Recovery Brief no. 2, The Urban Institute, December 2008.

A New Safety Net for Low-Income Families with Sheila R. Zedlewski and Ajay Chaudry, The Urban Institute, July 2008. Adapted and published in *Community Investments*, a publication of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, vol 20, no 3, Winter 2008.

Weathering Job Loss: Unemployment Insurance. New Safety Net Paper 6, The Urban Institute, July 2008.

SELECTED PAPERS AND REPORTS

With Nancy Pindus, Rachel Brash, Jessica Compton, Daniel Kuehn, and Sisi Zhang, *Meeting the Financial Education Needs of Postsecondary Students*, Report submitted to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, April 2011.

With Charles L. Betsey, “*Recent Trends in Saving Among African American and White Households*,” paper presented at the Allied Social Sciences Association meetings, January 2010, revised, March 1, 2010.

With Charles L. Betsey, “*Savings and Investment Among African American and White Households: Implications for Federal Policy to Increase Savings*,” paper presented at the American Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management conference, November 2009.

ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Economic Association, member 1970- , member of the Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession, 1975-1978, member of the Census Advisory Committee, 1986-91, member of the Committee on the Status of Minority Groups in the Economic Profession, 1986-94, Chair, 1990-94.

National Economic Association (formerly Caucus of Black Economists), member 1971-, member of the Board of Directors, 1972-1976, 1978-1980, 1989-95 and 2014-, Chairperson/President-elect, 1978, Chairperson/President, 1978-1979.

National Association of Social Insurance, 1995- , Board member, 2000-2008, Vice President, 2005-07, President-elect, 2007, President 2007-2009.

Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management, member 1997- , member of Policy Council, 1997-2000, vice president, 2001-03.

PARTIAL LIST OF MEMBERSHIP ON BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Current Membership:

Cesar Chavez Public Charter Schools for Public Policy, Board of Trustees, 2010- .

National Economic Association, Board Member, 2014- .

The Review of Black Political Economy Editorial Advisory Board, 1977-1983, 1988- ; Editor, 1983-88.

Past Membership:

Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Data Users Advisory Committee, 2012-14.

National Academy of Sciences/National Academy of Public Administration, Committee on the Fiscal Future of the United States, 2008-2010.