

WELFARE REFORM: AN INTERDISCIPLINARY SYMPOSIUM

October 17-18, 2002

Presented by Departments of Child Development, Economics, Political Science, Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning
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◆ Wellington-Burnham Lecture, Oct. 17, 4:00-5:00pm, Lane 100

Professor Rebecca M. Blank

Dean, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, and Henry Carter Adams Collegiate Professor of Public Policy, University of Michigan.

“What Have We Learned from Welfare Reform?”

A brief reception for students will *precede* the event: 3:45-4:00pm

◆ Panel Discussion October 17, 6:45-8:30pm

Feinlieb Auditorium, Barnum 008

“Welfare Reform: Antecedents and Effects”

Moderator: Professor Linda Lounsbury Economics, Tufts University

Speakers: Professor Rebecca M. Blank, Public Policy, University of Michigan

Professor Martin Gilens, Political Science, UCLA and Princeton University

Professor Hirokazu Yoshikawa, Psychology, New York University

Discussant: Professor James Jennings, Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning, Tufts University

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Rebecca M. Blank is Dean of the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan, Henry Carter Adams Collegiate Professor of Public Policy, and Professor of Economics since 1999. She served as a Member of the President’s Council of Economic Advisers from 1997-1999. She has been Professor of Economics at Northwestern University and the first Director of the Northwestern University/University of Chicago Joint Center for Poverty Research. Professor Blank’s research has focused on the interaction between the macroeconomy, government anti-poverty programs, and the behavior and well-being of low-income families. Her 1997 book, *It Takes a Nation: A New Agenda for Fighting Poverty* (Princeton University Press), won the Richard A. Lester Prize for the Outstanding Book in Labor Economics and Industrial Relations. She has published several additional books and numerous articles on work, poverty and welfare reform.

◆ Seminar: Friday, October 18, 9:30-11:30am, Eliot-Pearson

Department of Child Development, Stevens Library

Professor Hirokazu Yoshikawa, Department of Psychology, NYU

“Effects of Welfare and Anti-Poverty Policies on Children: Towards a Dynamic Systems Perspective”

The seminar will include a presentation by Professor Yoshikawa, followed by discussion with participants.

◆ Lecture: Friday, October 18, 10:25-11:15am, Barnum 008

Professor Martin Gilens, Department of Political Science, UCLA and Princeton,

“Public Opinion, Representation, and the Politics of Antipoverty Policy”

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Martin Gilens is Associate Professor of Political Science and Associate Director of the Institute for Social Science Research at UCLA. He will be joining the faculty at Princeton University next year as Professor of Political Science. Professor Gilens is the author of *Why Americans Hate Welfare: Race, Media and Politics of Antipoverty Policy* (University of Chicago Press), and has published on media, race, gender and welfare politics in some of the most prestigious journals in political science and sociology. His current research examines the forces that shape public policy preferences and their impact on government policy-making.

Hirokazu Yoshikawa, Assistant Professor of Psychology at New York University, has conducted research on the effects of early childhood care and education programs, public policies, and prevention programs on the development of children and adolescents in poverty in the US; currently he is studying the effects of experimental welfare reform and antipoverty policy demonstrations on children and families. Dr. Yoshikawa was awarded the Louise Kidder Early Career Award of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues as well as the American Psychological Association Minority Fellowship Early Career Award. He is currently a member of the National Academy of Sciences/Board on Children, Youth, and Families Committee on Family and Work Policies.