

The WEST COAST POVERTY CENTER Is Pleased to Announce Its

## Inaugural Year Seminar Series on Poverty and Public Policy, 2006-07

Beginning with the Fall, 2006 quarter and continuing throughout the 2006-07 academic year, the West Coast Poverty Center is sponsoring a seminar series on poverty research and its contributions to public policy. The seminar series speakers will include nationally prominent poverty researchers brought to campus through the auspices of the West Coast Poverty Center, as well as local faculty engaged in cutting-edge poverty research. The five seminars offered every quarter will be open to faculty and graduate students from all disciplines having a definitive interest in poverty research and policy issues.

**Time, Location and Format:** Although most of the seminars will occur on Monday afternoons from 3-4:30 PM in either the Parrington Hall Commons or the Forum (located on the third floor of Parrington Hall), a specific and continuously updated schedule of seminar dates and topics will be announced periodically throughout the quarter. The format for seminars entails a generally brief (30 minute or so) presentation by the speaker, sometimes a formal response by a discussant, and in all seminars an extended open and lively dialog between the speaker and the seminar participants for the remaining time of the seminar. Particular emphasis will be placed on illuminating the ways in which poverty knowledge is informed by a diversity of disciplinary perspectives.

**Topical Areas:** Research on poverty encompasses a rich and diverse array of disciplinary approaches, each offering unique insights into the relationships between labor markets, family demography, local and international migration, the distribution of health and poverty, and multiple levels of public policy. Over the course of the 2006-2007 academic year, poverty researchers from a range of disciplinary traditions will address a comprehensive set of topics that pertain to the causes, consequences, and public policy responses to poverty. Examples include the relationship between poverty and various forms of health disparities, old and emergent patterns of racial and economic segregation, the policy and political implications of alternative approaches to the conceptualization and measurement of poverty, new evidence concerning patterns of segmented assimilation, and research findings pertaining to policy initiatives intended to reduce poverty.

**Graduate Credit:** Graduate students from all disciplines who have a substantive emphasis on poverty as a part of their individual program of study may receive 1 credit per term for seminar attendance and participation. Questions pertaining to graduate credit may be directed to Professor Gunnar Almgren, Seminar Series Coordinator at mukboy@u.washington.edu.

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**Monday, October 9**Parrington Hall Commons  
3:00-4:30 PM**Welcoming Reception: Seminar Series Overview**Inaugural speaker: Tony Evans, Lecturer in Social Work,  
University of York**Monday, October 23**Parrington Hall Forum  
3:00- 4:30 PM**“Mixed Signals: Multiracial Classification and the Blurring  
of the Poverty Line”**Tony Perez, Post-Doctoral Fellow, University of Washington  
Department of Sociology**Friday, October 27**Parrington Hall Commons  
12:30-2:00 PM**“The Costs of Concentrated Poverty”**George Galster , Professor of Urban Affairs, Wayne State  
University, Detroit (Jointly Sponsored with the CSDE Seminar  
Series)**Monday, November 6**Parrington Hall Commons  
3:00-4:30 P.M**“A Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Mothers”**Lew Gilchrist, Endowed Professor for Social Work Practice and  
Women’s Health, University of Washington School of Social Work**Wednesday, November 15**Parrington Hall Forum  
12:30-2:00 PM**“Devolution and Discipline: Race, Place, and Performance  
in the Politics of Social Control”**Joe Soss, Professor of Political Science, University of Wisconsin  
at Madison (Jointly Sponsored with the Evans School of Public  
Affairs)**Monday, December 4**Parrington Hall Commons  
3:00-4:30 PM**“High School Completion and Immigrant Generations”**Krista Perreira, Assistant Professor of Public Policy, The  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

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