

## WEST COAST POVERTY CENTER

## Seminar Series on Poverty and Public Policy, Spring 2007

The West Coast Poverty Center continues its inaugural seminar series on poverty research and its contributions to public policy in Spring 2007. The seminar series speakers 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 are open to faculty and graduate students from all disciplines having a definitive interest in poverty research and policy issues.

**Time, Location and Format:** Most of the seminars 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 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 attendance and participation at 3 seminars, or 2 credits for attendance at every seminar plus an integrative paper of approximately 10 pages. Questions pertaining to graduate credit may be directed to Virginia Hawkins, WCPC Program Coordinator, at [wcpc@u.washington.edu](mailto:wcpc@u.washington.edu).

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<p><b>Monday, April 9</b> School of Social Work Room 305 3:00 - 4:30 PM</p>	<p><b>“Beyond Employment: On the Social Contributions of Citizens”</b> John Tambornino, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Western Washington University</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, April 18</b> Parrington Hall Commons 11:30- 2:00</p>	<p><b>“Perspectives on Economic Citizenship”</b> Alice Kessler-Harris, R. Gordon Hoxie Professor of American History, Columbia University (Jointly sponsored with the Evans School of Public Affairs and the Walker-Ames Lecture Series)</p>
<p><b>Monday, April 23</b> Parrington Hall Commons 3:00 - 4:30 PM</p>	<p><b>“Payday Lending and Low Income Credit Markets”</b> Alexes Harris, Assistant Professor of Sociology, and Barbara Reskin, Professor of Sociology, University of Washington</p>
<p><b>Monday, May 7</b> Parrington Hall Commons 3:00-4:30 P.M</p>	<p><b>“Native Americans and Health Effects of Historical Trauma”</b> Tessa Evans-Campbell, Assistant Professor, School of Social Work, University of Washington</p>
<p><b>Monday, May 14</b> Parrington Hall Commons 3:00 - 4:30 PM</p>	<p><b>“Cross-National Perspectives in Poverty Measurement and Reduction: China and India”</b> Devin Joshi, Doctoral Candidate in Political Science, University of Washington</p>
<p><b>Friday, May 25</b> Parrington Hall Forum 12:30 - 2:00</p>	<p><b>TBA</b> Tim Biblarz, Associate Professor, University of Southern California (Jointly sponsored with the Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology)</p>

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