

**IRP Working Conference on
Young Disadvantaged Men: Fathers, Families, Poverty and Policy**

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Agenda

Monday, September 14

1:00–2:00 pm **Welcome and Overview: Introductions to the Future of Low-Income Men, Fathers, Families, Poverty and Policy**
Irwin Garfinkel and Ronald Mincy, Columbia University and Timothy Smeeding, University of Wisconsin–Madison
Chair: Timothy Smeeding

Session I: Substantive but Descriptive Surveys of the Fatherhood Situation

Chair: Timothy Smeeding

2:00–2:45 pm **The Deterioration in the Labor Market Fortunes of Young Men in the U.S. and Its Consequences for Family Formation, Family Well Being, and the Future Economic Well Being of Children: No Country for Young Men?**
Andrew Sum, with Ishwar Khatiwada, Joseph McLaughlin, and Sheila Palma, Northeastern University

2:45–3:30 pm **Young Disadvantaged Men as Fathers**
Lawrence Berger and Callie Langton, University of Wisconsin–Madison

3:30–3:45 pm Break

3:45–4:30 pm **Low-Income Men as Partners:**
Kathryn Edin and Laura Tach, Harvard University

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- 4:30–5:15 pm **Low-Income Men and Fathers' Influences on Children?**
Marcia Carlson and Katherine Magnuson, University of Wisconsin–Madison
- 5:15–6:30 pm **Discussants:** *Alford Young, University of Michigan; Devah Pager, Princeton; Frank Furstenberg, University of Pennsylvania* - with 15 minutes each and general discussion
- 7:30–9:30 pm Dinner, Harvest Restaurant, 21 N. Pinckney Street, Madison, WI (Directions)
(discussions on Session I continue)

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Session II: Policy Perspectives: Helping Families by Helping Low-Income Men

Chair: *Irwin Garfinkel*

- 8:00–8:30 am Continental breakfast and opening remarks
- 8:30–9:15 am **Child Support: Responsible Fatherhood and the Quid Pro Quo**
Maria Cancian, Daniel Meyer, and Eunhee Han, University of Wisconsin–Madison
- 9:15–10:00 am **Improving Education and Employment for Disadvantaged Young Men: Proven and Promising Strategies**
Carolyn Heinrich, University of Wisconsin–Madison and Harry Holzer, Georgetown University
- 10:00–10:15 am Break
- 10:15–11:00 am **Incarceration and Prisoner Reentry in the U.S.**
Steven Raphael, University of California, Berkeley
- 11:00–11:45 pm **Policies that Strengthen Fatherhood and Family Relationships: What Do we Know and What Do We Need to Know?**
Virginia Knox, Manpower Demonstration Research Corporation (MDRC), Philip A. Cowan, University of California at Berkeley, Carolyn Pape Cowan, with Elana Bildner
- 11:45–12:30 pm Lunch (discussion continues)
- 12:30–1:15 pm **Income Support Policies for Low-Income Men and Noncustodial Fathers: Tax and Transfer Programs**
Ronald Mincy, Serena Klempin, and Heather Schmidt, Columbia University

Chair: *Ronald Mincy*

- 1:30–2:45 pm **Discussants** – *Martha Coven, Special Assistant to the President for Mobility and Opportunity, White House Domestic Policy Council, EEOB, Sheri Steisel, National Conference of State Legislatures, and David Pate, University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee,* with 15 min each plus general discussion
- 2:45–3:00pm **Closing Remarks**
Irwin Garfinkel and Ronald Mincy, Columbia University and Timothy Smeeding, University of Wisconsin–Madison
- 3:00 pm Taxis to airport