IRP Working Conference on 
Young Disadvantaged Men: Fathers, Families, Poverty and Policy
University of Wisconsin–Madison
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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

(over)
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

2:45–3:00 pm  Closing Remarks  
Irwin Garfinkel and Ronald Mincy, Columbia University and Timothy Smeeding, University of Wisconsin–Madison

3:00 pm  Taxis to airport