

PROGRAM

Symposium on the Frontiers in the Studies of Anti-Poverty Programs: Evidence on Improving Youth Outcomes and Reducing Inequality

Cosponsors: Cornell Brooks School of Public Policy, Jain Family Institute, and William T Grant Foundation

Friday, October 10, 2025

700 Clark Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

8:15 AM SHUTTLE SERVICE

EXTERNAL INVITEES ARE PICKED UP AT CANOPY HILTON AND DROPPED OFF AT CLARK HALL

8:20 AM – 8:50 AM BREAKFAST AVAILABLE

8:50 AM WELCOME REMARKS

9:00 - 10:20 AM

- **Raheem Chaudhry** (U Washington) presenting: “From Marcy to Madison Square? The Effects of Growing Up in Public Housing on Early Adulthood Outcomes”
 - **Discussant: Laura Tach** (Cornell)

- **Amelia Hawkins** (Brandeis) presenting: “The Long-Term Effects of Income for At-Risk Infants: Evidence from Supplemental Security Income”
 - **Discussant: Hilary Hoynes** (UC Berkeley)

10:20 – 10:40 AM BREAK

10:40 AM – 12:00 PM

- **Katherine Michelmore** (U Michigan) presenting: “The Effect of Subsidized School Meals on Student Academic Outcomes: Evidence from the Medicaid Direct Certification Policy”
 - **Discussant: Lexin Cai** (Cornell; JFI-Brooks junior fellow)

- **Marianne Bitler** (UC Davis) presenting: “Effects of WIC on Birth Outcomes: Evidence from the National Archives”
 - **Discussant: Zhuan Pei** (Cornell; JFI-Brooks senior fellow)

12:00 – 1:00 PM LUNCH

1:00 - 3:00 PM

- **Pauline Leung** (Cornell; JFI-Brooks senior fellow) presenting: “The Effects of Work and Financial Assistance Policies on Child Outcomes: Long-term Evidence from Welfare Reform Experiments”
 - **Discussant: Greg Duncan** (UC Irvine)
- **Ale Marchetti-Bowick** (UC Berkeley): “30 Years of Welfare-to-Work: Intergenerational Impacts of Welfare Reform”
 - **Discussant: James Ziliak** (U Kentucky)
- **Steven Ryan** (U Toronto): “A Helping Hand Goes a Long Way: Long-Term Effects of Counseling and Support to Welfare-to-Work Program Participants”
 - **Discussant: Charles Michalopoulos** (MDRC)

3:00 – 3:20 PM BREAK

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- **Marcella Cartledge** (U Virginia): “The Effects of Cash-Plus-Employment Training Programs on Young Adults: Evidence from a Randomized Experiment in Los Angeles County”
 - **Discussant: Neil Cholli** (Cornell)
- **Lisa Gennetian** (Duke): “Monthly Unconditional Income Support Through Early Childhood for U.S. Families Starting at Birth: Findings from the Baby’s First Years Study”
 - **Discussant: Richard Murnane** (Harvard and W. T. Grant Foundation)

4:40 PM CONCLUDING REMARKS

5:00 PM SHUTTLE SERVICE

EXTERNAL INVITEES ARE PICKED UP AT CLARK HALL AND DROPPED OFF AT CANOPY ITHACA

6:00 - 8:00 PM SYMPOSIUM RECEPTION AND DINNER

(by invitation only)