

SAVE THE DATE



Wednesday, February 23, 2011
3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

SWIMMING UPSTREAM: Race, Place and the Problem of Persistent Poverty in America

DISCUSSANTS:

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Description:

Nearly half of all children born into poverty will be persistently poor, meaning they will be poor for at least half of their childhoods. From birth, their socioeconomic status will determine, in part, the neighborhood in which they live, the food they eat, the education they receive and whether or not they will be poor as adults. Studies show that 20 percent of children born into poverty will spend a significant amount of their early adulthood in poverty as well.

As adults, the persistently poor receive less than 65 percent of their total income as wages, accumulate fewer assets and rely heavily on social safety nets to make ends meet. As the economy continues to shift toward high-skilled labor and cuts to social programs increase, there is a greater need to better understand the problem and challenges of overcoming persistent poverty in America.

Join expert panelists from across the country as we discuss current anti-poverty measures and public policies, structural and institutional barriers to economic security and mobility, and the impact of labor segmentation and chronic unemployment on persistent poverty.

Location:

Rudin Family Forum
295 Lafayette Street, 2nd Floor
New York, NY

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THE OPPORTUNITY SERIES: STRENGTHENING THE ECONOMIC SECURITY OF WOMEN AND FAMILIES IN A CHANGING ECONOMY

The changes and shifts in the U.S. economy have shaken many working families and single women heads of households to the core. Over the last three years, the economy has shed over 5 million jobs and unemployment rates have hit historic highs with no real signs of retreat. **The Opportunity Series** hosted by the **Women of Color Policy Network at NYU Wagner** and co-sponsored by the **Insight Center for Community Economic Development**, the **Applied Research Center**, **National Partnership for Women and Families**, the **Center for Social Inclusion** and **Legal Momentum** will bring together leading scholars, practitioners, advocates, and policy analysts to discuss building the economic security of women through quality jobs, work supports, and education. We will also examine wealth and asset disparities among women of color, how state and federal policies can support working families and communities, and explore opportunities to build the economic security of women and families over the long haul.