

## **PROGRAM**

**Berkeley Symposium on  
Poverty, the Distribution of Income, and Public Policy  
A Conference Honoring Eugene Smolensky  
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**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2003**

7:50am **Shuttle departs from Claremont Hotel**

7:55am **Shuttle departs from Hotel Durant**

8:00am-8:30am **Buffet Breakfast and Registration.**

**SESSION I** Chair: Frank Levy  
8:30am-10:30am Massachusetts Institute of Technology

### 1. **Poverty among the Elderly.**

Author: Jonathan Gruber  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Gary Engelhardt  
Syracuse University

Discussants: Ronald Lee  
University of California, Berkeley

David Card  
University of California, Berkeley

### 2. **The Socioeconomic Status of Black Males: The Increasing Importance of Incarceration.**

Author: Steven Raphael  
University of California, Berkeley

Discussants: Robert Plotnick  
University of Washington

Michael Stoll  
University of California,  
Los Angeles

10:30am-10:45am **Refreshments**

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**SESSION II**            Chair:    Siobhan Reilly  
10:45am-12:45pm       Mills College

**3. What did the 1990s Welfare Reforms Accomplish?**

Author:    Rebecca Blank  
              University of Michigan

Discussants:    Hillary Hoynes                                Robert Haveman  
                         University of California, Davis        University of Wisconsin

**4. The Causes and Consequences of Variations in Take-up of Program Benefits.**

Author:    Janet Currie  
              University of California, Los Angeles

Discussants:    Sheldon Danziger                             Irwin Garfinkel  
                         University of Michigan                        Columbia University

12:45pm-2:00pm                                **Lunch: Deli Sandwiches**



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**SESSION IV** Chair: John Ellwood  
9:30am-10:30am University of California, Berkeley

**6. The Distributional Effects of Environmental Regulation.**

Cancelled

**7. Medicare Growth, Technological Advances, and the Distribution of Health Care Benefits**

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Author: Jonathan Skinner  
Dartmouth College

Discussants: Victor Fuchs                      Julian Le Grand  
Stanford University                      London School of Economics

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