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The University of California, Davis was recently selected to receive a \$4 million grant from the U.S.

Department of Health and Human Services to establish a Center for Poverty Research. It is one of three U.S. centers designated to study the causes and effects of policies aimed at addressing poverty in the United States. The other centers are at Stanford University and the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

The Center for Poverty Research at UC Davis seeks to facilitate non-partisan academic research on poverty in the U.S., disseminate this research, and train the next generation of poverty scholars. Its research agenda includes four themed areas of focus: labor markets and poverty, children and intergenerational transmission of poverty, the non-traditional safety net, and immigration.

The Center has grown out of the longstanding program on Economy, Justice and Society (EJS). EJS is an interdisciplinary program of the Division of Social Science that has been administered through and supported by the Institute of Governmental Affairs.

The new Center for Poverty Research is an independent center in its own right that builds on synergies between social science faculty in economics, sociology, and psychology that were developed in the EJS program and continues this association with IGA through co-sponsorship of seminars and conferences. One example of this collaborative relationship is the upcoming Immigration and Poverty Conference: Economic and Social Connections and Policy Approaches scheduled for May 17-18, co-sponsored by the Center for Poverty

Research and the Program in Economy, Justice and Society.

This conference brings together scholars from several disciplines and top academic institutions, to explore the social, economic, and policy challenges of immigration and its consequences. Topics cover international migration and global poverty; immigration, jobs and wages; and assimilation of undocumented immigrants. A concluding policy panel will focus on the current limits of immigration policy and the potential for reform. Admission is free and open to the public with pre-registration at <http://www.iga.ucdavis.edu/events/economy-justice-and-society-conference>.

More information on the center is available on its Web site at <http://poverty.ucdavis.edu>.



IGA Event Calendar 2012

May

May 3rd

12:00pm – 1:30pm, **Robert Ream**, UC Riverside, ***Why Narrowing Achievement Gaps Should Remain a National Priority***, UCCS, 1130 K St., Suite LL22, Sacramento. For more information on this event, please go to the UCCS [website](#). To register for this event, click [here](#). Registration must be completed by April 30th for catering purposes.

May 10th

12:00pm – 1:30pm, **Mary Walshok**, UC San Diego, ***Closing America's Job Gap: The Role of Higher Education***, For more information on this event, please go to the UCCS [website](#). To register for this event, click [here](#). Registration must be completed by May 7th for catering purposes.

May 16th

12:10pm – 1:00pm, **Policy Watch** with **Richard Howitt**, UC Davis, ***Pricing Solutions to California's Water***, UC Davis, 273 Social Sciences and Humanities Building, For more information on this event, please go to the IGA [website](#).

5:00pm – 8:00pm, **Doug S. Massey**, Princeton University, ***Sheffrin Lecture in Public Policy***, AGR Hall, Buehler Alumni and Visitors Center, UC Davis, For more information on this event, please go to the IGA [website](#).

May 17th

12:00pm – 1:30pm, **Steven Erie**, UC San Diego; **Vladimir Kogan**, UC San Diego; **Scott A. MacKenzie**, UC Davis, ***Paradise Plundered: Fiscal Crisis and Governance Failures in San Diego***, UCCS, 1130 K St., Suite LL22, Sacramento, For more information on this event, please go to the UCCS [website](#). To register for this event, click [here](#). Registration must be completed by May 14th for catering purposes.

May 17th – 18th

17th 8:30am – 9:00pm, 18th 9:00am – 1:00pm, Economics, Justice and Society Conference, ***Immigration and Poverty: Economic and Social Connections, Policy Approaches***, UC Davis ARC, Ballroom B, For more information on this event, please go to the IGA [website](#). To register for this event, click [here](#).



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May 23rd

12:10pm – 1:00pm, **Policy Watch** with **Daniel Y. Kono**, UC Davis, ***Buying National: Democracy and Discrimination in Public Procurement***, UC Davis, 273 Social Sciences and Humanities Building, For more information on this event, please go to the IGA [website](#).

May 24th

12:00pm – 1:30pm, **Ethan Elkind**, UC Berkeley and UCLA Schools of Law, ***The Business of Fighting Climate Change: How Real Estate Developers, Energy Efficiency Contractors, and Clean Tech Companies Can Help California Meet its Environmental Goals***, UCCS, 1130 K St., Suite LL22, Sacramento, For more information on this event, please go to the UCCS [website](#). To register for this event, click [here](#). Registration must be completed by May 21st for catering purposes.

May 30th

12:10pm – 1:00pm, **Policy Watch** with **Robert S. Taylor**, UC Davis, ***Religious Conservatives and Safe Sex***, UC Davis, 273 Social Sciences and Humanities Building, For more information on this event, please go to the IGA [website](#).

May 31st

12:00pm – 1:30pm, **Shawn Kantor**, UC Merced, ***Do Research Universities Generate Local Economic Growth?***, UCCS, 1130 K St., Suite LL22, Sacramento, For more information on this event, please go to the UCCS [website](#). To register for this event, click [here](#). Registration must be completed by May 28th.

June

June 7th

12:00pm – 1:30pm, **Cordula Dick-Muehlke**, UC Irvine MIND, ***Averting the Crisis of Alzheimer's Disease: The Role of Public Policy***, UCCS, 1130 K St., Suite LL22, Sacramento, For more information on this event, please go to the UCCS [website](#). To register for this event, click [here](#). Registration must be completed by June 4th.