



## **Friday, September 28**

**8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast, CGIS South**

**9:00 – 10:30 a.m. The Black Family**

A hallmark of the Moynihan report was its emphasis on family instability as an enabling condition for the perpetuation of poverty. This session proposes to examine what we have learned about the black family in four decades of research, and whether and how changes in family structure are related to poverty and the perpetuation of socioeconomic disadvantage.

Fragile Families and the Reproduction of Poverty  
Sara McLanahan

If Moynihan Had Only Known: Race, Class, and Family Change in the Late 20th Century  
Frank F. Furstenberg, Jr.

Marriage, Family, and African American Women  
Linda Burton and M. Belinda Tucker

Claiming Fatherhood: Race and the Dynamics of Paternal Involvement among Unmarried Men  
Kathryn Edin, Laura Tach, and Timothy Nelson

**10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Break**

**10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Black Male Joblessness**

A key variable driving Moynihan's analysis of black poverty was the lack of well-paid, stable jobs for black men leading to a shortage of marriageable males. Over the ensuing decades a huge research literature examining various facets of African American employment emerged and in this session leading scholars of the subject will review what four decades of research tells us about the issue of black male employment and joblessness.

An Examination of Labor Markets  
Richard B. Freeman

Racial Stratification and the Durable Tangle of Neighborhood Inequality  
Robert J. Sampson

Bayesian Bigot? Statistical Discrimination, Stereotypes, and Employer Discrimination  
Devah Pager and Diana Karafin

The Labor Market and Young Black Men: Updating Moynihan's Perspective  
Harry J. Holzer

**12:15 -2:00 p.m. Lunch CGIS South**

**2:00 – 4:00 p.m. New Social Contexts**

Moynihan, of course, drafted his report in a very different time from ours. The early 1960s were the heyday of the "affluent society," following upon 20 years of steadily rising earnings, declining poverty, and falling income inequality with ten more to follow. The Civil Rights movement was blossoming, social welfare was expanding, and immigration had fallen to record lows. America was a "can-do" society and in this context President Johnson launched his "War on Poverty" to create the "Great Society." The situation is now quite different, as papers in this section will explore.

The Black Family and Mass Incarceration  
Bruce Western

Welfare Reform in the mid-2000s: How African-American and Hispanic Families in Three Cities are  
Faring  
Andrew Cherlin

Black Churches: Urban Savior, or Part of the 'Tangle of Pathology'?  
Omar McRoberts

Race in the American Mind: From the Moynihan Report to the Obama Candidacy  
Lawrence D. Bobo and Camille Z. Charles

The New U.S. Immigrants: Do They Elucidate or Confound Our Understanding of the African American  
Experience?  
Frank D. Bean

**4 :00-4 :30 p.m.**

**Address by Karl Zinsmeister, Assistant to the President for Domestic  
Policy**

**Saturday, September 29**

**9:00 – 9:30 a.m.**

**Continental Breakfast** CGIS South

**9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

**Lessons for Public Policy**

**Moderator: Robert Putnam**

The conference will conclude with a panel discussion in which prominent figures in public policy  
formulation, administration, and analysis reflect on their experiences to offer suggestions for action to  
address the problems identified by Daniel Patrick Moynihan in 1965, many of which remain largely  
unsolved today.

**Bobby Austin**

**Michael Barone**

**Ron Haskins**

**Lawrence O'Donnell, Jr.**

**Franklin D. Raines**

**Orlando Patterson**