



# Poverty in America: The Past, Present, and Future

Rothermere American Institute  
University of Oxford  
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## **Friday 10 May 2019**

**9:10 – 9:25 – Registration and Coffee** *[please note that the Institute doesn't open before 9AM]*

**9:25 – 9:30 – Conference welcome – Mitch Robertson and Alex Coccia**

**9:30 – 11:00 – Food Stamps, Farms, and the War on Poverty**

Caitlin Rathe (UC Santa Barbara): “After the War on Poverty: The Political Limits of Federal Food Assistance”

David Ballantyne (Keele): “The War on Hunger and the Promise of the New(er) South”

Doug Genens (UC Santa Barbara): “The War on Poverty and Farm Reform in Georgia”

**11:00-11:15 – Break**

**11:15- 12:45 – Income and Dependency: Narratives of anti-poverty policy**

Alex Waddan (Leicester): “Taking Income Poverty Serious Again?”

Alexander Coccia (Oxford): “Dependency Politics in Ohio: An Historic Account”

David Riemer (Community Advocates Public Policy Institute, Wisconsin): “The Evidence About How to Cut American Poverty by 50% or More”

**12:45 – 1:15 – Lunch (provided)**

**1:15 – 2:45 - Bringing history to bear on poverty analysis**

Jeanna L. Kinnebrew (Boston): “Sex, Poverty, and Philanthropy in the Puritan City, 1915-1965”

Kristin O'Brassill-Kulfa (Rutgers): “Ten Lashes upon her Naked Back”: Criminalizing Poverty in the US, from the 18<sup>th</sup> Century to the Present”

Tamara Boussac (Sorbonne): “The conservatives’ war on welfare in the early 1960s: a perspective from the grassroots”

Daniel Zamora (Université Libre de Bruxelles), Guaranteed income and the War on Poverty: from Milton Friedman to Michael Harrington

**2:45 – 3:00 – Coffee and refreshments**

**3:00 – 4:15 – Examining the Role of the State in areas of Persistent Poverty**

Meredith Scalos (Oxford): “Broken Promises by Design: Legacies of the War on Poverty in Central Appalachia”

Alec F. Hickmott (Amherst): “Beyond Anti-Poverty: Analytics of Inequality and Lessons from the Black Developmental Turn”

**4:15 – 4:30 – Break**

**4:30 – 6:00 – Keynote address**

Professor Alice O’Connor (University of California, Santa Barbara)

**6:00 – 6:45 – Wine reception**

**7:00 - 10:00 Conference Dinner - *King’s Arms*, Holywell Street**

Sign-up link for dinner will be sent to conference attendees.

# Saturday 11 May 2019

*[please note that the Rothermere American Institute doesn't open before 10 AM so please aim to arrive between 10 and 10:10]*

## **10:10 – 11:40 – Poverty and Racial Segregation**

Nicholas J. Henninger (Boston): “The Politics of Rent: Power & Inequality in Low-Income Urban Neighborhoods”

Themis Chronopoulos (Swansea): The Making of a Housing Crisis: The Seattle Metropolitan Area since 1980

Michael Light (Wisconsin-Madison): “Segregation and Violence Reconsidered: Do Whites Benefit from Residential Segregation?”

## **11:40 – 11:45: Coffee and Refreshments**

## **11:45 – 1:15: 1968: A Nation of Hope or a Year of Despair?**

Aaron Bryant (Smithsonian Institution): “A Nation of Hope: Resurrection City and the 1968 Poor People’s Campaign”

Mark McLay (Glasgow): “The Choice and the Echo: Richard Nixon, Poverty Politics, and the 1968 Presidential Election”

Lauren Pearlman (Florida): “The War on Poverty and the Limits of Democracy”

## **1:15 – 3:00: Roundtable: The Role of the Federal Government in Poverty Reduction (lunch provided)**

Ezra Rosser (American University): “Holes in the Safety Net”

Andrew Hammond (University of Chicago): “The Old New Property: Food Stamps and Medicaid as Dynamic Statutory Entitlements”

Donald Monyihan (Georgetown/Oxford) and Pamela Herd (Georgetown): “Applying an Administrative Burden Framework to Poverty Reduction”

## **3:00 – 4:55 – Individualism and Intersectionality**

Olga Thierbach-McLean (Hamburg): “Individualism and Poverty: Self-Unmade in the Land of Opportunity”

Angie Mejia (Syracuse): “Reproductive In/Justice: Uses of Ethnodrama to Teach Intersectional Analyses”

## **3:55 - 4:00 - Brief concluding remarks - Mitch Robertson and Alex Coccia**

## **4:00 – 7:00 – Informal Drinks at the *Royal Oak* (cash bar)**