

IRP summer research workshop: Problems of the Low-Income Population

The second annual summer research workshop focusing on applications of new methods of empirical analysis to poverty research was held June 18–21, 1991. Organized by Robert Moffitt, Brown University, Charles F. Manski, IRP Director, and Robert Mare, University of Wisconsin-Madison, this series of workshops is designed to build a community of research interest around topics concerning the low-income population and to draw junior researchers into the field. The following presentations were made:

Rebecca Blank, Northwestern University, “Why Were Poverty Rates So High in the 1980s?”

Discussant: Christopher Jencks, Northwestern University

George Borjas, University of California, San Diego, “Ethnic Capital and Intergenerational Mobility”

Discussant: Glen Cain, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Thomas DiPrete, Duke University, “Industrial Restructuring, Organizational Labor Markets, and the Mobility Response of American Workers in the 1980s”

Discussant: Andrew Newman, Ohio State University

William Evans, University of Maryland at College Park, “Measuring Peer Group Effects: A Study of Teenage Pregnancy” (with W. Oates and R. Schwab, University of Maryland at College Park)

Discussant: Ronald Mincy, Urban Institute

Peter Gottschalk, Boston College, and Robert Moffitt, “Cohort Effects in the U.S. Earnings Distribution”

Maria Hanratty, National Bureau of Economic Research, “Escaping the Welfare Trap: The Impact of Job Training on Welfare Duration in Massachusetts”

Discussant: Jeffrey Grogger, University of California, Santa Barbara

Lingxin Hao, University of Iowa, “Unwed Mothers’ Entry into and Exit from the Labor Market: The Effect of Kin and Welfare Support among Blacks and Whites”

Discussant: Michael Keane, University of Minnesota

Joseph Hotz, University of Chicago, and Lingxin Hao, “Kin Support, Welfare, and Out-of-Wedlock Births”

Discussant: Duncan Thomas, Yale University

Christopher Jencks, Northwestern University, and Susan Mayer, University of Chicago, “Recent Trends in Economic Inequality: Income vs. Expenditures vs. Material Well-Being”

Discussant: Rebecca Blank

Thomas Kane, Harvard University, “College Cost and the Timing of College Entry”

Discussant: Walter Oi, University of Rochester

Alan B. Krueger, Princeton University, “Does Compulsory School Attendance Affect Schooling and Earnings?” (with J. Angrist, Harvard University)

Discussant: Charles Manski

Thomas MaCurdy, Stanford University, and Thomas Mroz, University of North Carolina, “Measuring Macroeconomic Trends in Wages from Cohort Specifications”

Discussant: Gary Burtless, Brookings Institution

Charles Manski, “Adolescent Econometricians: How Do Youth Infer the Returns to Schooling?”

Discussant: Kenneth Wolpin, University of Minnesota

Susan Mayer, “Are There Economic Barriers to the Use of Physician Services?”

Discussant: Peter Gottschalk

Ronald Mincy, Urban Institute, “Marriage and Welfare Use among Young Women: Do Labor Market, Welfare, and Neighborhood Factors Account for Declining Rates of Marriage among Black and White Women?” (with G. Duncan, University of Michigan, and S. Hoffman, University of Delaware)

Discussant: Robert Mare

David Ribar, Pennsylvania State University, “Teenage Fertility, High School Completion, Adult Labor Supply, and Adult Wages”

Discussant: Sanders Korenman, Princeton University

Mark Wilhelm, Pennsylvania State University, “Bequest Behavior and the Effect of Heirs’ Earnings: Testing the Altruistic Model of Bequests”

Discussant: Joseph Altonji, Northwestern University