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

   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

   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 You 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

   Discussant: Robert Mare

David Ribar, Pennsylvania State University, “Teenage Fertility, High School Completion, Adult Labor Supply, and Adult Wages”
   Discussant: Sanders Korenman, Princeton University

   Discussant: Joseph Altonji, Northwestern University