URBAN MEN IN POVERTY
Problems and Solutions

The situation of low wage/low income urban men has not been widely documented or discussed. What we know, or believe we know, is that they are predominantly racial minorities; their incarceration rate is high; they have low levels of education and skills; they face a worsened low-skill labor market; they are largely single; many are under court mandates for child support; many have child support arrears; many work largely off-the-books.

This half-day seminar will give an overview of the problem for the United States, Wisconsin and Milwaukee. Particular focus will be on incarceration, child support and labor markets, with next steps outlined by a national expert on demonstration projects that have produced measurable and replicable results.

8:00 am  Registration and continental breakfast
8:15 am  Welcome by Marquette University Law Dean Joseph Kearney and UW-Madison La Follette School Director Susan Yackee
8:30–9:15 am  Urban Men in Poverty: A National Overview
                Professor Geoffrey Wallace, UW–Madison La Follette School
9:15–10 am  The Politics of Poverty in Wisconsin
                Professor Charles Franklin, Marquette University Law School
10–10:15 am  Break with refreshments
10:15–10:45 am  Early Trauma and Employment: An Uneasy Relationship
                Professor David Pate, UW–Milwaukee Department of Social Work
10:45–11:30 am  The Effects of Incarceration on Neighborhoods
                Professor Mike Massoglia, UW–Madison Department of Sociology
11:30 am–12:30 pm  Can We Improve the Employment Prospects of Disadvantaged Men?
                Professor Harry Holzer, Georgetown University

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