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The Economics of Rich and Poor: The Political Economy of Income Redistribution

Wednesday evenings
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University of Arizona
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Timothy Smeeding
Syracuse University
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Robert Haveman
University of Wisconsin
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John Formby
University of Alabama
January 29, 1995

Rebecca Blank
Northwestern University
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University of Pennsylvania
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The Reality of Redistribution
Wednesday, September 14, 1994
8:00 p.m.
3750 Knauss Hall
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Professor Tullock received a J.D. degree in 1947 from the University of Chicago. He is currently the Karl Eller Professor of Economics and Political Science at the University of Arizona. Professor Tullock is well-known for his research on the forces shaping the distribution of income, as well as for his many contributions to other areas of political economy. His book, The Calculus of Consent, is one of the most well-known treatises on the interplay between economic interests and politics. Professor Tullock is also the founding editor of one of the most influential journals in that area, Public Choice.

Professor Tullock will also present a seminar at 3:00 p.m.

Changing Patterns of Income Inequality in Modern Nations
Wednesday October 5, 1993
8:00 p.m.
3750 Knauss Hall
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Professor Smeeding received his Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Wisconsin in 1975. He is currently a Professor of Economics and Public Administration in the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University. Professor Smeeding has published numerous books, monographs, and articles on a range of topics relating to income distribution, poverty, and inequality. Since 1983, Professor Smeeding has been Overall Project Director of the Luxembourg Income Study. Past positions include Chair of the Economics of Aging Interest Group, Gerontological Society of America, and Director, Center for the Study of Families, Children, and Elderly at Vanderbilt University.

Professor Smeeding will also present a seminar at 3:00 p.m.
Professor Haveman received his Ph.D. in Economics from Vanderbilt University in 1963. His research has touched on a wide range of topics, including unemployment, cost-benefit analysis, environmental economics, and income transfer programs. Currently, Professor Haveman is John Bascom Professor of Economics and Public Affairs at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and a Research Associate in the University’s Institute for Research on Poverty. He also is on the board of editors of four scholarly journals, and was co-editor from 1985 to 1991 of one of the most widely read and prestigious economics journals, The American Economic Review.

Professor Haveman will also present a seminar at 3:00 p.m.

Professor Formby received his Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Colorado in 1966. He is the James Patrick and Elizabeth Brannan Hayes Professor at the University of Alabama. Professor Formby’s voluminous research has explored various questions relating to income distribution and redistribution. But he has also published many articles on such varied topics as regulation, taxation, and imperfect competition. Professor Formby has received a number of awards and research grants. He also served as a Senior Economist for the President’s Council on Wage and Price Stability.

Professor Formby will also present a seminar at 3:00 p.m.

Professor Blank was awarded her Ph.D. in Economics by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1983. She was a Senior Staff Economist on the President’s Council of Economic Advisors, and is currently an Associate Professor in the Department of Economics at Northwestern University. Professor Blank was the 1993 recipient of the David Kershaw Prize, awarded biannually by the Association of Public Policy and Management to the scholar under forty whose research has had the most impact on public policy. She has conducted research on a variety of topics relating to the causes of poverty, and is the author of a number of important articles on the relationship between macroeconomic performance and poverty.

Professor Blank will also present a seminar at 3:00 p.m.