



## BUILDING SOLUTIONS TO POVERTY

Methods and Metrics for Identifying Success

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### SAVE THE DATE! POVERTY METHODOLOGY CONFERENCE

October 19-21, 2011

The Ohio State University

*Building Solutions to Poverty – Methods and Metrics for Identifying Success.*

The International Poverty Solutions Collaborative at The Ohio State University is excited to announce our inaugural interdisciplinary methodology conference: *Building Solutions to Poverty – Methods and Metrics for Identifying Success*. Our conference will be held on October 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011, at the Ohio Union on the OSU campus in Columbus, Ohio. The overall goal of our methodology conference is to bring together experts in methodology, poverty research, and policy to strengthen the design, implementation, and evaluation of poverty interventions with a goal towards identifying potential solutions to poverty. Among the principal issues in understanding how interventions and programs actually benefit intended persons in diverse communities is the strength of the science and methods used to design and assess these interventions. Given the complexity of poverty itself, this is a challenging but crucially important task, and one that warrants the engagement of multiple paradigms, multiple disciplines, and multiple perspectives on statistical methods, research design, measurement, and evaluation.

Our Keynote speaker for this event is Professor Sheldon Danziger, Director of the National Poverty Center at the University of Michigan. Deadline for abstract submissions for paper and poster presentations is July 15, 2011. Submission and conference details can be found on our website, [www.poverty.osu.edu](http://www.poverty.osu.edu).

Researchers and statistical methodologists in all fields including education, public health, economics, housing, nutrition, development, agriculture, geography, international affairs, etc., are encouraged to contribute their work and take advantage of the networking opportunities our conference will offer.

#### *Preliminary Schedule of Events*

Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>: Evening dinner reception and Scholar-to-Scholar/Poster Session

Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>: Themed and Concurrent Panel Sessions

- What works in community change and poverty prevention?
- Economics and development
- Causality and innovation in designs for testing poverty interventions
- Measuring what we value or valuing what we can measure?

Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>: Breakout sessions with Research Funders: National, International, and Non-profits

For more information, visit <http://poverty.osu.edu/> or contact Ann A. O'Connell at [poverty@osu.edu](mailto:poverty@osu.edu).

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