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## Keynote Speaker:

**Professor Sheldon Danziger**  
Director of the National Poverty  
Center, University of Michigan

**"Poverty and Antipoverty Policies  
in the 21st Century:  
The Dangers of Deficit Mania"**

**Sheldon Danziger, Ph.D.** is the Henry J. Meyer Distinguished University Professor of Public Policy, Director of the National Poverty Center, and Director of the Ford Foundation Program on Poverty and Public Policy at the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, a 2008 John Simon Guggenheim Foundation Fellow and the 2010 Galbraith Fellow of the American Academy of Political and Social Science. He has been a visiting scholar at the Russell Sage Foundation and at the Rockefeller Foundation's Bellagio Center and a member of the MacArthur Foundation Research Network on Transitions to Adulthood. He received his bachelor's degree

from Columbia University and his Ph.D. in Economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Danziger is the co-author of *America Unequal* (1995) and *Detroit Divided* (2000) and co-editor of numerous journal articles and edited volumes, including *Understanding Poverty* (2001), *Working and Poor: How Economic and Public Policy Changes are Affecting Low-Wage Workers* (2006), *The Price of Independence: The Economics of Early Adulthood* (2007) and *Changing Poverty, Changing Policies* (2009). He is currently studying the effects of the "great recession" and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act on workers and families.

## FEATURED SPEAKERS:



**Daniele Bondonio, Ph.D.** is an Associate Professor and Director of the Research Center for Evaluation Studies in the Public Sector at the Università Piemonte Orientale (Italy), where he teaches econometrics and statistics for program evaluation. He served as a member of the Academic Panel appointed by the European Commission for discussing an EU evaluation report on the 2000-2006 European cohesion policy programs. He also teaches quantitative methods for counterfactual impact evaluations to EU member state government officials at European Commission training schools, and he has held visiting positions at the University of California at Irvine and the University of Torino (Italy). He is the author of a number of publications on impact evaluations of local/regional economic development policies and, in the same field, he has served as the main investigator for various research projects commissioned by national and international research institutes and organizations. Dr. Bondonio received his doctorate from Carnegie Mellon University.



**Claudia J. Coulton, Ph.D.** is the Lillian F. Harris Professor of Urban Social Research, Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University. Her research focuses on the problems of distressed urban neighborhoods and approaches to community change. She is the founder of the *Center on Urban Poverty and Community Development*, where a multidisciplinary team has been working for over 20 years to develop tools to better understand macro-level systemic forces that produce distressed neighborhoods and what individuals, organizations and policies can do to reverse these conditions. Coulton is founder and board member of the *National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership* with affiliates in 30 cities that support technically advanced information solutions to address urban social problems. She has been a research adviser to many community change initiatives including Aspen Institute's *Roundtable on Comprehensive Community Initiatives*, Annie E. Casey Foundation's *Making Connections* initiative and the *Invest in Children* program. Her current studies focus on processes of residential mobility and neighborhood identity in poor communities; the effects of the foreclosure crisis on low-income families and neighborhoods; and the influences of the built and social environment on physical activity and obesity. She is the author of over 150 journal articles, book chapters and policy reports. Dr. Coulton received her Master's degree in Social Work from Ohio State University and her Ph.D. in Social Welfare from Case Western Reserve University.



**Andrew Grant-Thomas, Ph.D.** is Deputy Director of the Kirwan Institute at The Ohio State University. He directs the Institute's internal operations and oversees much of its US-based programming. His substantive interests include structural racism/racialization and systems thinking; implicit bias and racial communications; race and popular culture; multiracial alliance-building; and African American males and gender dynamics within the African American community.

Dr. Grant-Thomas serves as Associate Editor of the Institute's journal, *Race/Ethnicity: Multidisciplinary Global Contexts*, and edited *Twenty-first Century Color Lines: Multiracial Change in Contemporary America*, published in 2008 by Temple University Press. He contributes regularly to WOSU Radio and to blogs that include Race-Talk, the Huffington Post, Racewire, and Imagine2050 and sits on the boards of a number of nonprofit organizations and social justice initiatives. Andrew came to the Kirwan Institute in February of 2006 from the Civil Rights Project at Harvard University, where he directed the Color Lines Conference and managed a range of policy-oriented racial justice projects. He received his B.A. in Literature from Yale University, his M.A. in International Relations from the University of Chicago, and his Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Chicago.



**Howard Goldstein, Ph.D.** is Research Director of the Schoenbaum Family Center and Professor of Human Development and Family Sciences at The Ohio State University. Goldstein received his Ph.D. in 1980 in Developmental Psychology & Mental Retardation Research from Peabody College of Vanderbilt University. He serves on the editorial boards of several journals and has been a grant reviewer for NIH and the DOEEd for many years. His research has focused on improving the communication and social skills of children with autism and other developmental disabilities. His recent work has sought to enhance the language and literacy development of students in high poverty schools who are at high risk for reading problems. He is the author of two books and over 90 scholarly journal articles and book chapters and a nationally known scholar for his work and research in the field of child language intervention. Over the past 27 years, Dr. Goldstein has participated in over 40 research and personnel preparation grants mainly from NIH and DOEEd that have amounted to over \$26M and he has served as Principal Investigator for over 30 sponsored projects.



**Donna M. Mertens, Ph.D.** is a Professor in the Department of Educational Foundations and Research at Gallaudet University, where she teaches advanced research methods and program evaluation to deaf and hearing students. She also serves as editor for the *Journal of Mixed Methods Research* with Max Bergman. The primary focus of her work is transformative mixed-methods inquiry in diverse communities that prioritizes ethical implications of research in pursuit of social justice. Her recent books include: *Program Evaluation Theory to Practice: A Comprehensive Guide*, *Transformative Research and Evaluation*, *The Handbook of Social Research Ethics*; *Research and Evaluation in Education and Psychology: Integrating Diversity with Quantitative, Qualitative, and Mixed Methods (3<sup>rd</sup> ed.)*; *Research and Evaluation Methods in Special Education*; and *Parents and Their Deaf Children: The Early Years*. She is widely published in the *Journal of Mixed Methods Research*, *American Journal of Evaluation*, *American Annals of the Deaf*, and *Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis*. She currently serves as the editor for the *Journal of Mixed Methods Research*. She currently serves as the editor for the *Journal of Mixed Methods Research*.



**Mark Partridge, Ph.D.** is the C. William Swank Chair of Rural-Urban Policy at The Ohio State University and a Professor in the Agricultural, Environment, and Development Economics Department. He is also a Faculty Research Affiliate, City-Region Studies Centre, University of Alberta. Prior to Ohio State, he was the Canada Research Chair in the New Rural Economy at the University of Saskatchewan, where he is an Adjunct Professor. Professor Partridge has published over 100 academic and scholarly papers and his work has been ranked among the top-1000 economists in the world. He has published in many journals such as the *American Economic Review*, *Journal of Economic Geography*, *Journal of International Economics*, *Journal of Urban Economics*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*. He co-authored the book *The Geography of American Poverty: Is there a Role for Place-Based Policy?*, published by the W.E. Upjohn Institute. Dr. Partridge has received research funding from many sources including the Appalachian Regional Commission, Brookings Institution, European Commission, Infrastructure Canada, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, U.S. National Science Foundation, U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Social Science and the Humanities Research Council of Canada.



**James P. Ziliak, Ph.D.** holds the Carol Martin Gatton Endowed Chair in Microeconomics in the Department of Economics and is Founding Director of the Center for Poverty Research at the University of Kentucky. He served as assistant and associate professor of economics at the University of Oregon, and has held visiting positions at the Brookings Institution, University College London, University of Michigan, and University of Wisconsin. His research expertise is in the areas of labor economics, poverty, program evaluation, and tax and transfer policy. Recent projects include an examination of trends in earnings and income volatility in the U.S.; the effects of welfare reform on earnings of single mothers; regional wage differentials across the earnings distribution; and the geographic distribution of poverty under alternative poverty measures. He is editor of the book *Welfare Reform and its Long Term Consequences for America's Poor* published by Cambridge University Press (2009).