



**February 14, 2018**

**David Lam**

University of Michigan  
Professor of Economics and  
Director of the Institute for  
Social Research

**“Why has Income Inequality Increased While Education Inequality Has Decreased in Many Developing Countries”**

David Lam is Professor of Economics, Director of the Institute for Social Research, and Research Professor in the Population Studies Center. He has served as president of the Population Association of America and currently serves on the Council of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population. He has been a member of the Committee on Population of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences, and has served as an advisor or consultant to the World Bank, the U.S. National Institutes of Health, the United Nations Population Division, and the South Africa Office of the Presidency. His research focuses on the interaction of economics and demography in developing countries, including analysis of the economics of population growth, fertility, marriage, and aging. He has worked extensively in Brazil and South Africa, where his research analyzes links between education, labor markets, and income inequality. He is an Honorary Professor of Economics at the University of Cape Town. His collaborations with the University of Cape Town include the Cape Area Panel Study, a longitudinal survey of young people in Cape Town supported by the U.S. National Institutes of Health. He received PhD in Economics from University of California Berkeley, 1983 and MA in Demography from Berkeley and MA in Latin American Studies from University of Texas.



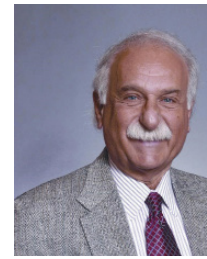
**March 28, 2018**

**Howard Stein**

University of Michigan  
PhD Professor in the Department  
of Afroamerican and African Studies  
and Department of Epidemiology  
in the School of Public Health

**“Institutions, Structures and Policy Paradigms in Sub-Saharan Africa: Toward Understanding Inequality”**

Howard Stein is a Professor in the Department of Afroamerican and African Studies (DAAS) and the Department of Epidemiology at the University of Michigan. He is a development economist educated in Canada, the US and the UK who has taught in both Asia and Africa. He is the editor or author of more than a dozen books and edited collections. His research has focused on foreign aid, finance and development, structural adjustment and neoliberalism, health, gender and development, institutional transformation and development, industrial policy, export processing zones, agricultural policy, and poverty and rural property right transformation. His most recent books are *Beyond the World Bank Agenda: An Institutional Approach to Development* (University of Chicago Press, 2008, paperback edition, 2014), *Good Growth and Governance in Africa: Rethinking Development Strategies* (Oxford University Press, January, 2012) co-edited with Joseph Stiglitz, Akbar Noman, and Kwesi Botchway and *Gendered Insecurities, Health, and Development in Africa* (Routledge, 2012) co-edited with Amal Fadlalla. He was also the principal coauthor of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa Economic Report for Africa 2014, *Dynamic Industrialization in Africa: Innovative Institutions, Effective Processes and Flexible Mechanism*. He is currently working on a book entitled *Institutions and Industrial Policy in Africa: Toward Structural Transformation and Inclusion* which is under contract with Oxford University Press and co-written with Bethuel Kinuthia and Adam Elhiraika. He teaches a variety of courses in DAAS and Epidemiology including the history of African economic development, Africa and post-war development theory and policy, globalization and African health, the political economy of African development and health and socio-economic development.



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**Dr. Teresa Ghilarducci**

“The Political Economy of Retirement Time Inequality in the Economic Cooperation and Organization Development (OECD)”

**Dr. Charles Ballard**

“The Fall and Rise of Income Inequality in the United States”

**Dr. James Hines Jr.**

“Income Inequality, Progressive Taxation and Tax Expenditures”

**Dr. Mary Corcoran**

“America’s Unequal Playing Field: The Gaps Between Poor and Rich Children’s Resources”

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Sept. 13, 2017

**Theresa Ghilarducci**

New School for Social Research  
Irene and Bernhard Professor of  
Economic Policy, The New School

**“The Political Economy of Retirement Time Inequality, in the Economic Cooperation and Organization Development (OECD)”**

Theresa Ghilarducci is Irene and Bernhard L. Schwartz Professor of Economic Analysis and Director of Schwartz Center for Economic Policy Analysis at the New School of Social Research in New York City, NY. She is a labor economist and retirement author, and labor economist and retirement security expert. Her widely circulated New York Times op-ed “Our Ridiculous Approach to Retirement” brought attention to her fresh and comprehensive critique of the American way of provisioning for retirement. Her book, *When I’m 64: The Plot Against Pensions and the Plan to Save Them*, presents her cutting edge policy recommendations for restructuring the United States deteriorating retirement income security system. Her book *Labor’s Capital: The Economics and Politics of Employer Pensions* won an Association of American Publishers award in 1992. For the past five years she has served as court appointed trustee of the \$50 billion retiree health care fund for Ford, GM and Chrysler retiree’s. Before coming to The New School she was a professor at University of Notre Dame, she was the 2006-08 Wurf Fellow at Harvard Law School; her research has been funded by the Rockefeller Foundation, the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, U.S. Dept. of Labor, Ford Foundation, and Retirement Research Foundation. She has received thousands of dollars in grants for her research and professional innovation including about 4 million dollars for Retirement Equity Lab. She has received her BA and PhD, both from University of California, Berkley in Economics.



Sept. 27, 2017

**Charles Ballard**

Michigan State University  
Professor of Economics

**“The Fall and Rise of Income Equality in the United States”**

Professor Charles Ballard has been on the Economics faculty at Michigan State University since 1983, when he received his Ph.D. from Stanford University. In 2007, he became Director of the State of the State Survey, in MSU’s Institute for Public Policy and Social Research. Also in 2007, he won the Outstanding Teacher Award in MSU’s College of Social Science. He is Chair of the Board of Director’s of the Michigan League for Public Policy. He has served as a consultant with the U.S. Departments of Agriculture, Health & Human Services, and Treasury, and with research institutes in Australia, Denmark, and Finland. His books include *Michigan at the Millenium* and *Michigan’s Economic Future*. Ballard has several honors and awards, including grants from the National Science Foundation. His publications include many journal articles, chapters in books and proceedings, research reports, and conference presentations. He has reviewed for numerous major economics journals such as *American Economic Review*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Economic Education*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, and *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*. He has chaired 12 PhD students at MSU. He has also done extensive work with the news media, including hundreds of interviews with print, broadcast, and online media, and he has made numerous presentations to community and business organizations.



Oct. 25, 2017

**James Hines Jr.**

University of Michigan  
Professor of Economics and Law

**“Income Inequality, Progressive Taxation and Tax Expenditures”**

James R. Hines Jr. is Richard A. Musgrave Collegiate Professor of Economics and L. Hart Wright Collegiate Professor of Law at the University of Michigan. He received his PhD in Economics from Harvard in 1986, MA in Economics from Yale in 1980 and BA in Economics from Yale in 1980. In addition to teaching in the department of economics and the law school at Michigan he also serves as Research Director of the business school’s Office of Tax Policy Research. His research concerns various aspect of taxation. He taught at Princeton and Harvard prior to moving to Michigan in 1997, and has held visiting appointments at Columbia, the London School of Economics, the University of California – Berkeley, and Harvard Law School. He is a research associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research, Research Director of the International Tax Policy Forum, former Co-Editor of the *American Economic Association’s Journal of Economic Perspectives*, and once, long ago, was an economist in the United States Department of Commerce. His research areas are public finance, law and economics.



Jan. 17, 2018

**Mary E. Corcoran**

University of Michigan  
Professor of Public Policy, Political  
Science and Women’s Studies

**“America’s Unequal Playing Field: The Gaps Between Poor and Rich Children’s Resources”**

Mary E. Corcoran is Professor of Political Science, Public Policy, Social Work, and Women’s Studies, and senior Associate Scientist at Survey Research Center at University of Michigan. Her research focuses on the effects of gender and race discrimination on economic status and earnings, and on welfare and employment policies. Mary has numerous published articles on intergenerational mobility, the underclass, and sex-based and race-based inequality. She teaches seminars on poverty, inequality and women and employment. Her research focuses on the effects of gender and race discrimination on economic status and earnings, and welfare and employment policies. Mary has published articles on intergenerational mobility, the underclass, and sex-based and race-based inequality. She teaches graduate seminars on poverty and inequality and on women and employment. She has received several Fellowships and Awards for her service and research that include: Rackham Distinguished Graduate Mentorship Award, Faculty Recognition Award, Ford Foundation Faculty Fellowship in Women studies, Kent Fellow, Danforth Foundation and Stouffer Fellow, Harvard-MIT joint Center for Urban Studies and Carnegie Fellowship for Interdisciplinary Research from MIT. She has co-authored two books and 70 Journal articles in Economics and other social sciences journals. She received PhD in Social Policy and Education, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and BA in Mathematics from Pembroke College.