

Panel Discussion: Policy Solutions to Economic Inequality in the United States

Monday, January 23, 2017

2:00 - 3:30 pm

W113 Seashore Hall

The first meeting of the Spring Inequality Seminar, will be devoted to a panel discussion focused on policy solutions to economic inequality in the United States. We will draw on both recent scholarly work on our growing inequality (Piketty, Stiglitz, Atkinson, etc) and on recent policy work from advocates and think tanks. For the purposes of this session, we define inequality narrowly as the distribution of wages, income, and wealth in the United States. The discussion will be kicked off by Collin Gordon (History) and David Bills (Education), but is intended as a conversation rather than a presentation. Participants are encouraged to review [Talk Poverty's Ten Solutions to Fight Economic Inequality](#) for a brief overview of the ways in which some economists are framing and ranking solutions; and to think about they might approach the same challenge, What are the pressing policy challenges? Where would you start? What would have the most impact? What is feasible in the current political climate?

This talk is part of the **Inequality Seminar** which is a seminar and speaker series that provides a forum on campus for faculty and graduate students who are interested in inequality broadly defined. It is an opportunity for faculty and graduate students to present their research and to hear about other inequality-related work from researchers on the off-campus. These talks are free and open to the public. For more information about the Inequality Seminar, contact Professor Sarah Bruch at sarah-bruch@uiowa.edu.

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