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New Book from Brookings Press

**Standards-Based Reform and the Poverty Gap:  
Lessons for No Child Left Behind**

**Monday, October 22, 2007  
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

The Brookings Institution  
Saul Room and Zilkha Lounge  
1775 Massachusetts Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C.

Is No Child Left Behind enhancing educational opportunities for our most disadvantaged students? According to *Standards-Based Reform and the Poverty Gap: Lessons for No Child Left Behind*, past efforts to raise educational standards have done little to help poor children. Some strategies seem promising, such as requiring teachers to master their subjects, assessing core academic content, and offering free tutoring to struggling students. However, poor implementation of such reforms has curtailed their potential positive impact.

At this Brown Center event, three of the book's authors will provide an overview of findings, explain key details in the areas of teacher quality and supplemental tutoring, and offer recommendations for the reauthorization of No Child Left Behind.

Audience Q&A will follow the presentations, and continental breakfast will be provided.

**Moderator:**

**Adam Gamoran**

Professor of Sociology and Education Policy Studies  
Director, Wisconsin Center for Educational Research  
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**Panelists:**

**Laura Desimone**

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**Rachel Durham**

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**Andrew Porter**

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