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Economic Studies

AGENDA Poverty Reduction Strategies for the Next Decade Monday, September 29, 2008 Falk Auditorium

9:30

Welcome and Plan for the Day

Speakers: **Rebecca Blank** (Robert V. Kerr Senior Fellow, Brookings)
Jack Litzenberg (Senior Program Officer and Interim Program Director for Pathways out of Poverty Program, Mott Foundation)

9:40-10:20

Panel Discussion 1: Economy, Jobs, Neighborhoods, and Poverty Reduction Strategies

Moderator: James Ziliak (Visiting Fellow, Brookings and Director, Center for Poverty Research, University of Kentucky)

Panelists:

Mary Jo Bane (Professor of Public Policy and Management, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University)

Katherine Newman (Director, Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, Princeton University)

Sharon Parrott (Director, Welfare Reform and Income Support Division, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities)

Manuel Pastor (Professor of Geography and American Studies & Ethnicity, University of Southern California and Director of the Program for Environmental and Regional Equity (PERE) at USC's Center for Sustainable Cities)

10:20-11:00

Panel Discussion 2: Families, Children, and Poverty Reduction Strategies

Moderator: Isabel Sawhill (Senior Fellow, Economic Studies and Co-Director, Center on Children and Families, The Cabot Family Chair Brookings)

Panelists:

Ron Haskins (Senior Fellow, Economic Studies and Co-Director, Center on Children and Families, Brookings)

Wade Horn (Director, Deloitte Consulting)

Ron Mincy (Professor of Sociology and Social Work Policy, School of Social Work, Columbia University)

11:00-11:30 *Reactions and Commentary*

Moderator: Ron Haskins

Commentors:

David Ellwood (Dean and Professor of Political Economy, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University)

Jason Turner (Visiting Fellow, The Heritage Foundation)

11:30-12:30 *Small group discussion on most promising policy areas for poverty reduction*

Audience is invited to join one of three or four small groups. A program officer from the Mott foundation will lead each small group. These groups will be asked to provide advice to the Mott Foundation about the key poverty strategies in this area that are to be pursued.

* *Improving Employment and Earnings (led by Neal Hegarty)*

* *Strengthening Families and Improving Children's Opportunities (led by An-me Chung)*

* *Improving the Safety Net: Hunger and Housing (led by Benita Melton)*

* *Improving Neighborhoods (led by Christine Doby).*

12:30-1:15 *Lunch Buffet*

1:15-1:45 *Report back by group leaders, discussion among audience and final comments*

Moderator: Rebecca Blank

1:45 *Adjourn*