

2021 Psychology and Economics of Poverty Annual Convening

March 10 - 11, 2021 (PST) • Virtual event • Speakers denoted by italics and an asterisk
Short Q&A to follow each presentation and general discussion to follow each session.

Day 1 - Wednesday, March 10

8:30 - 8:40 am	Introduction and Welcome
	Session 1: Aspirations, beliefs, and agency
8:40 - 9:40 am	<p>Aspirations, assets, and anti-poverty policies <i>Kate Orkin, University of Oxford (Economics)*</i>, Robert Garlick, Mahreen Mahmud, Richard Sedlmayr, Johannes Haushofer, Stefan Dercon</p> <p>Solidarity breeds prosperity: Comparing independent versus interdependent initiative interventions on women's economic development in West Africa <i>Catherine Thomas, Stanford (Psychology)*</i>, Hazel Markus, Gregory Walton, Soumaila Abdoulaye Sambo, Patrick Premand, Thomas Bossuroy</p> <p>Do investments in psychological wellbeing and non-technical skills complement poverty reduction programs? Evidence from Rwanda <i>Megan Lang, UC Berkeley (Economics)*</i>, Ed Soule, Catherine Tinsley</p> <p>Nurturing personal agency: Aligning beliefs, thoughts and feelings to advance human flourishing in resource poor settings <i>Anita Shankar, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health (Medical Anthropology)*</i></p>
9:40 - 9:55 am	Discussion
9:55 - 10:05 am	Break
	Session 2: Methods: New psychometric measurements using data-driven approaches
10:05 - 10:50 am	<p>Overview talk <i>Aaron Fisher, UC Berkeley (Psychology)*</i></p> <p>Application example: Identifying psychological trauma among Syrian refugee children for early intervention: Analyzing digitized drawings using machine learning <i>Sarah Baird, Jennifer Muz, Raphael Panlilio, Stephanie Smith, Bruce Wydick, University of San Francisco (Economics)*</i></p> <p>Application example: Non-cognitive skills development and school-based violence reduction in Central America <i>Lelys Dinarte, World Bank Development Research Group (Economics)*</i>, Pablo Egana-DelSol, Claudia Martinez</p>
10:50 - 11:00 am	Discussion
11:00 - 11:10 am	Break
	Session 3: Consumption, cognitive constraints and over-optimism
11:10 - 11:55 am	<p>Taxing the poor twice: Poverty, bandwidth, and utility from consumption <i>Heather Schofield, UPenn School of Medicine (Medical Ethics and Health Policy)*</i>, Atheendar Venkataramani</p> <p>Are high-interest loans predatory? Theory and evidence from payday lending <i>Hunt Allcott, Joshua Kim, Dmitry Taubinsky, UC Berkeley (Economics)*</i>, Jonathan Zinman</p> <p>Budget neglect in consumption smoothing: A Field experiment on seasonal hunger <i>Ned Augenblick, Kelsey Jack, Supreet Kaur, Felix Masiye, Nicholas Swanson, UC Berkeley (Economics)*</i></p>
11:55 am - 12:10 pm	Discussion and wrap-up

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Day 2 - Thursday, March 11

8:30 - 9:30 am	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Keynote - Fireside chat and Q&A <i>Abhijit Banerjee, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab*</i></p>
9:30 - 9:40 am	Break
	Session 1: Poverty and attention
9:40 - 10:20 am	<p>Cognitive endurance as human capital <i>Christina Brown, UC Berkeley (Economics)*, Supreet Kaur, Geeta Kingdon, Heather Schofield</i></p> <p>Can ecologically relevant stimuli improve task performance for people living in poverty? <i>Ethan Young, Utrecht University (Psychology)*</i></p>
10:20 - 10:35 am	Discussion
10:35 - 10:45 am	Break
	Session 2: Inequality and preferences
10:45 - 11:30 am	<p>Pro-Poor transfers and economic preferences of the rich and poor: Evidence from a four year partial population experiment <i>Nicolas Cerkez, Adnan Q.Khan, Imran Rasul, University College London (Economics)*, Anam Shoaib</i></p> <p>Children's motivated reasoning about social inequalities after being experimentally assigned to a rich or poor social group <i>Xin Yang, Yale (Psychology)*</i></p> <p>Perceptions of relative deprivation and women's empowerment <i>Katrina Kosec, International Food Policy Research Institute (Political Economy)*, Cecilia Mo, Emily Schmidt, Jie Song</i></p>
11:30 - 11:45 am	Discussion
11:45 - 11:55 am	Break
	Session 3: Intergenerational transmission: Beliefs and cognition
11:55 am - 12:15 pm	<p>The Fetal origins of cognitive aging <i>Landry Kuate, University of Ottawa (Economics)*, Roland Pongou</i></p> <p>Biased memory and intergenerational transmission of fertility norms <i>Maximilian Mueller, UC Berkeley (Economics)*</i></p>
12:15 - 12:30 pm	Discussion and wrap-up