

# 2024 Psychology and Economics of Poverty Annual Convening

## Friday, April 26 • Blum Hall 100 • UC Berkeley

Speakers denoted by italics and an asterisk\*. Co-authors listed in alphabetical order denoted by †. Short Q&A to follow each presentation and general discussion to follow certain sessions.

<i>Time (Pacific)</i>	<i>Presentation</i>
8:30 - 9:00 am	<b>Breakfast and Registration</b>
9:00 - 9:10 am	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b>
<b>Session 1</b>	<b>Exploring Cognition: Socioeconomic and Environmental Impacts</b>
9:10 - 10:55 am	<p><b>Exploring the Influence of Socioeconomic Status on Adolescent Brain Responses to Reward, Risk Taking, and Learning</b> <i>Alexandra Decker, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Psychology)*</i>, Steven Meisler, Nicholas Hubbard, Clemens Bauer, Julia Leonard, Hannah Grotzinger, Melissa Giebler, Yesi Torres, Andrea Imhof, Rachel Romeo, John Gabrieli</p> <p><b>Prenatal Air Pollution Exposure and Early-Childhood Cognition: The Role of Micronutrient Powder Intervention</b> <i>Xuqian Ma, UC Berkeley (Health Policy)*</i>, Renfu Luo, Lingling Hou, Yuhang Pan</p> <p><b>Bad Luck or Bad Decisions? Macroeconomic Implications of Persistent Heterogeneity in Cognitive Skills and Overconfidence</b> <i>Oliver Pfäuti, Fabian Seyrich, Jonathan Zinman, Dartmouth College (Economics)*</i></p>
10:55 - 11:15 am	<b>General Discussion</b>
11:15 - 11:25 am	Break
<b>Session 2</b>	<b>Lightning Talks</b>
11:25 am - 12:05 pm	<p><b>Expected Discrimination and Job Search</b> <i>Deivis Angeli, University of British Columbia (Economics)*</i>, Ieda Matavelli, Fernando Secco</p> <p><b>Is In-kind Kinder than Cash? The Impact of Money vs. Food Aid on Social Emotions and Aid Take-up</b> <i>Samantha Kassirer, Northwestern University (Behavioral Science)*</i>, Ata Jami, Maryam Kouchaki</p> <p><b>The Impact of a Monthly Unconditional Cash Gift on Cognitive Bandwidth of U.S. Mothers with Low Income</b> <i>Shannon Egan-Dailey, Duke University (Public Policy)*</i>, Lisa Gennetian, Greg Duncan†, Nathan Fox†, Sarah Halpern-Meekin†, Katherine Magnuson†, Kimberly Noble†, Hirokazu Yoshikawa†</p>
12:05 - 1:05 pm	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>Session 3</b>	<b>Keynote Address</b>
1:05 - 2:05 pm	<b>A Socioecological Psychology of Decision-Making in Low-Income Contexts</b> <i>Jennifer Sheehy-Skeffington, London School of Economics (Psychology)*</i>
2:05 - 2:15 pm	Break
<b>Session 4</b>	<b>Understanding Psychosocial Forces: Agency, Aspirations and Social Pressure</b>
2:15 - 3:25 pm	<p><b>Building Personal or Interpersonal Initiative? How Psychologically and Culturally Wise Interventions Help Reduce Extreme Poverty in Niger</b> <i>Catherine Thomas, University of Michigan (Psychology)*</i>, Patrick Premand, Thomas Bossuroy, Soumaila Abdoulaye Sambo, Hazel Markus, Gregory Walton</p> <p><b>Keeping Up Appearances: An Experimental Investigation on Social Pressure and Relative Ranks</b> <i>Pascaline Dupas, Marcel Fafchamps, Stanford University (Economics)*</i>, Laura Hernandez-Nunez</p>

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3:25 - 3:40 pm	<b>General Discussion</b>
3:40 - 3:50 pm	Break
<b>Session 5</b>	<b>Measuring Psychological Mechanisms: Challenges and Opportunities</b>
3:50 - 4:30 pm	<b>Intertemporal Choice Bracketing and the Measurement of Time Preferences</b> Yonas Alem, <i>John Loeser, World Bank (Economics)*</i> , Aprajit Mahajan
	<b>Measures of Holistic Skills in RCTs: Review and Guidelines</b> Karen Macours, <i>Jessica Williams, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (Economics)*</i> , Samuel Wolf
4:30 - 5:00 pm	<b>Panel Discussion: Measurement Challenges.</b> Moderator: <i>Gautam Rao, UC Berkeley (Economics)*</i>
5:00 - 5:10 pm	<b>Closing Remarks</b>
5:10 - 5:40 pm	<b>Hors d'Oeuvres and Refreshments</b>

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