Monday, February 27

Washington University School of Law
Anheuser-Busch Hall, Bryan Cave Moot Courtroom – Room 310

8:20-8:30 a.m. Welcome by Kent Syverud, Dean of School of Law
Conference Introduction by Michael Sherraden and Marion Crain

8:30-9:30 a.m. Opening Plenary Session
Dorian Warren (Columbia University, Political Science) 
_inequality, Economic Crisis, and the Future of American Democracy_

9:45-11:30 a.m. Panel #1: Strains in the Macroeconomy and Household Financial Fragility
Steve Fazzari, chair
Panelists: Steve Fazzari (Economics) and Barry Cynamon (Washington University, Economics, co-author)
Too Much Spending or Too Little Income? The Macroeconomics of Middle-Class Spending and Debt in the Consumer Age

Melissa Jacoby (UNC, Law)
Financial Fragility, Medical Problems, and the Bankruptcy System

Discussant: Ray Boshara (Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis)

1:00-2:15 p.m. Panel #2: Toward Better Measures of Economic Security
Itai Sened, chair
Panelists: Itai Sened (Political Science) and Gyanesh Lama, co-author
A Measurement Metric for Middle Class Membership, and its Implications

Yunju Nam (SUNY Buffalo, Social Work)
The Basic Economic Security Tables for the United States
Co-authors: S. McMahon, Y. Lee & M. Sherraden
2:30-4:15 p.m.  Panel #3: The American Dream  
Mark Rank, chair 
Panelists:  Mark Rank (Social Work)  
Assessing the American Dream  
Lane Kenworthy (Arizona, Sociology/Political Science)  
America’s Struggling Lower Half  
Joe Soss (Minnesota, Sociology/Political Science)  
The Great Betrayal: Elite Failure and the Death of the American Dream

4:30-6:00 p.m.  Introduction by Steve Fazzari (Weidenbaum Center)  
Keynote Address: Jared Bernstein (Economics)  
Rebuilding An Opportunity Society: The Roles of Policy and Power

6:00-6:30 p.m.  Reception  
Janite Lee Reading Room, Anheuser-Busch Hall (Library – 4th Floor)

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8:30-10:15 a.m.  Panel #4: Labor and Employment Policy: Wealth Redistribution and Job Supports  
Marion Crain, chair  
Panelists:  Marion Crain (Law) and Ken Matheny (Social Security Administration, Law, co-author)  
After Unions  
Gillian Lester (Berkeley, Law)  
Work, Taxes, and Income Inequality  
Susan Lambert (Chicago, Social Work)  
Transforming Unlivable Jobs at the Lower-End of the Labor Market into Livable Ones: New Directions for Social Policy
10:30-12:15 p.m.  Panel #5: Health Policy and Employment
Tim McBride, chair
Panelists:  Tim McBride (Social Work)
Health Reform as a Policy Solution using the Livable Lives
Approach: the Special Case of Exchanges and Churning

Anthony Lo Sasso (Chicago, Economics)
Does Health Insurance and Seeing the Doctor Keep You
Out of the Hospital?

Sharon Long (Minnesota, Economics)
How Will Employers Respond to Health Reform? Lessons
from Massachusetts

Respondent:  Robert Hughes (Missouri Foundation for Health)

1:30-3:15 p.m.  Closing Plenary Session - Employment Policy: Job Creation
Michael Lind (New America Foundation)
The Challenges of Job Creation
Respondent:  Michael Sherraden (Social Work)

Conclusion of Conference