



**The Impact of Religion and Faith-Based
Organizations on the Lives of Low Income Families**

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Washington Marriott, 1221 22nd Street NW, Washington, D.C.

- 8:15 – 8:45 Continental breakfast
- 8:45 – 9:00 Welcome and Introduction
Jerry Regier, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and Rebecca Blank, Dean, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan
- 9:00 – 10:15 *Session 1: The role of religion and religiosity on marriage and couples*
Session Chair: Don Oellerich, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- "Religion and Relationship Quality among Low-Income Couples"
Daniel Lichter, Cornell University and Julie Carmalt, Cornell University
- "Living and Loving 'Decent': Religion and Relationship Quality in Urban America"
W. Bradford Wilcox, University of Virginia and Nicholas Wolfinger, University of Utah
- Discussant: Marcia Carlson, Columbia School of Social Work
- 10:15 – 10:30 Break
- 10:30 – 11:45 *Session 2: The role of religion and religiosity on adolescents*
Session Chair: Howard Rolston, The Brookings Institution
- "The Role of Religious and other Non-Profit Organizations in the Lives of Disadvantaged Youth"
Thomas DeLeire, Congressional Budget Office; Rajeev Dehejia, Tufts University; Erzo Luttmer, Harvard University; and Josh Mitchell, Harvard University
- "The Impact of Religion on Youth in Disadvantaged Families"
Dean Lillard, Cornell University and Joseph Price, Cornell University
- Discussant: Christopher Ellison, University of Texas at Austin

- 11:45 – 1:15 **Lunch & Speaker**
- Introduction: Melissa Pardue, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Human Services Policy, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ASPE
 Speaker: Jay Hein, Deputy Assistant to the President and Director, White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives
- 1:15 – 2:15 *Session 3: The role of religious organizations in response to Hurricane Katrina*
Session Chair: Sheri Steisel, National Conference of State Legislatures
- “Survivors' Perceptions of Federal, Non-Governmental, and Faith-Based Responses to Hurricane Katrina”
 Megan Reid, University of Texas at Austin
- "Tangible and Spiritual Relief after the Storm: The Religious Communities' Response to Katrina"
 Daphne Cain, Louisiana State University and Juan Barthelemy, Louisiana State University
- Discussant: Tom Gais, Rockefeller Institute of Government, State University of New York
- 2:15 – 2:30 Break
- 2:30 – 4:15 *Session 4: The role and selection of Faith-Based Organizations*
Session Chair: LaDonna Pavetti, Mathematica Policy Research, Inc
- "Access and Stability: Comparing Faith-based, Secular Non-profit, and Government Service Providers in Three Cities"
 Scott Allard, Brown University
- "Faith- and Community-Based Services: How can They Complement the Public Workforce Investment System?"
 Diane Paulsell, Mathematica Policy Research, Inc; Jeffrey Max, MPR; Michelle Derr, MPR; and Andrew Burwick, MPR
- "Religion and Community empowerment: Activities of Faith-based organizations and Low-income Families in Indiana"
 Marci Littlefield, IUPUI
- Discussants: Steven Rathgeb Smith, the Evans School at the University of Washington and Steve Monsma, Calvin College
- 4:15 – 4:30 Summary comments
- Rebecca Blank, Dean, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan
- 4:30 Adjourn