**Durable Inequality and Mechanisms of Life-Course Change: Long Term Evidence from Chicago**

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A drinks reception in the basement foyer will follow this seminar for attendees

The seminar presents initial results from a new follow-up study of Chicago children – ranging in age from birth to age 15 – who were followed wherever they moved in the United States from the mid-1990s until 2013. The project identifies trajectories of exposure to concentrated poverty and the role of individual differences and life-course transitions, such as being arrested, in deflecting legacies of inequality in the transition to young adulthood.

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