



Studying Selection (Bias): The Challenges and Rewards of Research on Residential Mobility, Housing and Neighborhoods Effects

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12:00-1:45 | Light lunch will be served.

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Professor DeLuca will discuss the study of residential and housing trajectories among the poor, and how we understand the effects of living in poor neighborhoods via a mixed methods approach. The reproduction of segregation and unequal neighborhood attainment has long been a social problem identified by scholars. Despite demonstrating high levels of residential mobility, low-income black families are less likely than any other group to escape disadvantaged neighborhoods. These findings call for research to identify the mechanisms which work to channel families into unequal neighborhoods. Using in-depth interviews from a longitudinal qualitative study of 100 low-income African-American families residing in Mobile, AL and Baltimore, MD, she will describe how the process of relocation works for the urban poor and how families engage in the process of neighborhood selection throughout their residential biographies.

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