

Poverty research seminars

During the 1990-91 academic year, three seminars on poverty research, sponsored by the Institute for Research on Poverty and the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, were held in Washington, D.C., in an attempt to present policy-relevant poverty research to those actively engaged in designing public policy. The seminars were open to the public as well.

Incentive Effects of the U.S. Welfare System: A Review was presented by Robert Moffitt, Brown University, on November 13, 1990. Moffitt's paper is available from IRP as Special Report no. 48, March 1990.

OBRA's Bequest: The Work-Welfare Demonstrations Revisited, a discussion of the connection between research and policy, focusing on the employment and training programs of the 1980s, was presented by David Greenberg, University of Maryland-Baltimore County, and Michael Wiseman, University of Wisconsin-Madison, on January 28, 1991. The paper on this topic is forthcoming as a chapter in *Evaluating Welfare and Training Programs*, ed. Charles F. Manski and Irwin Garfinkel (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1992). A draft of the chapter can be obtained from IRP.

Small Grants Research Seminar. The winners of the 1990 Small Grants competition discussed their findings, and discussants commented on the policy implications, on April 26, 1991. The individual papers, which will be entered in the IRP Discussion Paper series, are listed on p. 19 of this issue of *Focus*.

Postdoctoral Fellowship Opportunities

The University of Michigan's Research and Training Program on Poverty, the Underclass, and Public Policy offers one- or two-year postdoctoral fellowships to American minority scholars to expand knowledge in this area in all the social sciences. Fellows will conduct their own research and participate in a year-long seminar on Poverty, the Underclass, and Public Policy under the direction of Sheldon Danziger, Professor of Social Work and Public Policy, and Mary Corcoran, Professor of Political Science, Public Policy, and Social Work. Funds are provided by the Ford and Rockefeller Foundations. Applicants must have completed their Ph.D. by August 1, 1992. The application deadline is January 10, 1992. For an application packet, contact the Program on Poverty, the Underclass, and Public Policy, School of Social Work, 1065 Frieze Building, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1285.