

# The Wolfe Institute

*The Ethyle R. Wolfe Institute for the Humanities,  
in cooperation with the Department of Women's Studies, the Shirley Chisholm Center for Research on Women,  
the Office of Affirmative Action, Diversity, and Compliance, the Department of Political Science,  
and the Women's Center,  
presents*

A Brooklyn College Symposium

## Women, Welfare Reform, and Access to Higher Education



This all day conference will bring scholars and community activists from across the nation together with the Brooklyn College community to focus on the impact of welfare reform on poor women's access to higher education. The first two panels will seek to identify specific welfare policies and practices, along with other barriers that limit poor women in attaining higher education. The last will look at successful programs and effective advocacy strategies for maintaining and opening access and options for poor women to higher education in light of the mandates of welfare reform and re-authorization.

**Roundtable 1: *Barriers to higher education in welfare policies and practices* 11:00-12:30**

Sanford Schram, Bryn Mawr College

Lisa Dodson, Boston College and Wendy Luttrell, Harvard University

Alejandra Marchevsky, California State University, Los Angeles

Mimi Abramowitz, Hunter College

Charlene Sinclair, Poverty Institute

Byrel Melford, Community Voices Heard

**Lunch Break 12:45-2:00**

**Roundtable 2: *Low income women, the job market, and shrinking access to higher education* 2:15-3:30**

Stephen Pimpare, Yeshiva University

Randy Albelda, University of Massachusetts, Boston

Mary Gatta, Rutgers University

Lorna Rivera, University of Massachusetts, Boston

Erica Kates, Wellesley Center for Women

**Roundtable 3: *Models and successes in increasing access to higher education* 3:40-5:30**

Luisa Deprez, University of Southern Maine

Vivian Adair, Hamilton College

Dillonna Lewis, Welfare Rights Initiative

Ilana Berger, FUREE

**Tuesday, March 24, 2009  
Woody Tanger Auditorium  
Brooklyn College Library**

*Free and open to the public.*

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