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

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