

# D. K. Smith '42 Economics Symposium at Middlebury College

## “Economics of Inequality”

**Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 [Robert A. Jones '59 House Conference Room]**

Welcome Remarks 9:30 to 9:40 AM President Laurie Patton/Phanindra V. Wunnava

**I. AM Session 9:45 AM – 12:05 PM Poverty, Returns to Education and Racial Employment/Earnings Inequality** Moderator: Robert Bernhardt [Middlebury College]

-Brad Hershbein [Upjohn Institute] with Timothy J. Bartik [Upjohn Institute]

“Degree of Poverty: The Relationship between Family Income Background and the Returns to Education”



Robert Bernhardt

Discussant: Tanya Byker [Middlebury College]

-William M. Rodgers III [Rutgers University]

“The African American Experience: Prosperity for All? Prosperity Diminished? or Prosperity Denied?”



Discussant: Martin Abel [Middlebury College]

**II. Lunch 12:10 to 12:55 PM**

**III. PM Session 1 PM – 3:20 PM Wealth Inequality in the US and Gender Job Segregation across Countries** Moderator: Christian A. Schmitt [Middlebury College]

-Edward N. Wolff [New York University]

“The Evolution of Wealth Inequality in the United States, 1983 to 2016”



Christian A. Schmitt

Discussant: Peter H. Matthews [Middlebury College]

-Stephanie Seguino [University of Vermont] with Elissa Braunstein [Colorado State University]

“The Costs of Exclusion: Gender Job Segregation, Structural Change, and the Labor Share of Income”



Discussant: Aniruddha Mitra [Bard College]

**IV. Coffee Break 3:25 to 3:40 PM**

**V. Panel Discussion 3:45 to 5:05 PM “Inequality and the American Dream”** Moderator: Tanya Byker



Concluding Remarks 5:10 to 5:20 PM Phanindra V. Wunnava [Middlebury College]