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Please join us for a forum on the effects of anti-poverty policies in the United States sponsored by The National Poverty Center at the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan, the Russell Sage Foundation, and Spotlight on Poverty and Opportunity.

LEGACIES OF THE WAR ON POVERTY, LESSONS FOR THE FUTURE

Wednesday, January 8, 9:00-11:00 a.m. EST

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January 8, 2014, marks the fiftieth anniversary of President Lyndon B. Johnson's declaration of "unconditional War on Poverty." Yet 15 percent of Americans live in poverty today, and no presidential administration or Congress since the Johnson era has made fighting poverty a top priority. Exactly fifty years after President Johnson's declaration, you are invited to join us for a forum that will offer diverse perspectives on the effects of anti-poverty policies in the United States in areas such as educational attainment, employment, earnings and living standards, and health over the past five decades and in the years to come. The event, sponsored by the National Poverty Center at the University of Michigan's Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, the Russell Sage Foundation, and Spotlight on Poverty and Opportunity, will focus on research highlighted in a new book, *Legacies of the War on Poverty* (Russell Sage Foundation, September 2013). The panel will feature a discussion among the book's editors and commentators from across the political spectrum who will address policy interventions that grew out of the War on Poverty and take a fresh look at strategies to fight poverty and promote opportunity.

The event will also be webcast live. For those attending in person or viewing the webcast, you can get the conversation going on Twitter prior to the event using the hashtag #TalkPoverty. On January 8, join us in sharing your thoughts live as the event unfolds, and participants may even answer some of your Twitter-submitted questions at the event.

This event is made possible by a generous grant from the Ford Foundation.

A light breakfast will be served at 9:00 am EST. The panel and live stream will begin at 9:30 am EST.

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