

## Tim Smeeding



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He has won many awards for his work and is currently a principle senior program member and advisor to the William T. Grant Foundation's *Reducing Inequality* initiative. He is a member of the National Academy of Sciences' new standing committee on the *American Opportunity Study*.

Some of Professor Smeeding's books and edited collections pertinent to the Future of the Family Commission include: *The Future of the Family*, co-edited by Daniel Patrick Moynihan and Lee Rainwater (Russell Sage Foundation, 2004; paperback ed., 2006); *Young Disadvantaged Men: Fathers, Families, Poverty, and Policy*, with Irv Garfinkel and Ron Mincy (ANNALS, Volume 635, May 2011); *SNAP Matters: How Food Stamps Affect Health and Well Being*, with Judi Bartfeld, Craig Gundersen, and J. Ziliak (Stanford University Press, November 2015); *Monitoring Social Mobility in the 21st Century*, co-edited with David Grusky and Matt Snipp, (ANNALS, Volume 657, January 2015); *Poor Kids in a Rich Country: America's Children in Comparative Perspective*, co-authored with Lee Rainwater (Russell Sage Foundation, 2003); *The American Welfare State: Laggard or Leader?*, co-authored with Irv Garfinkel and Lee Rainwater (Oxford University Press, February 2010).

Smeeding also pioneered the Wisconsin Poverty Measure in 2008, now in its 8th year, see <http://www.irp.wisc.edu/research/wipoverty.htm#wisconsin>. A short popular article on the WPM and the Wisconsin Idea behind it can be found at: [http://www.stanford.edu/group/scspi/\\_media/pdf/pathways/summer\\_2011/PathwaysSummer11.pdf](http://www.stanford.edu/group/scspi/_media/pdf/pathways/summer_2011/PathwaysSummer11.pdf) (see pp 19-23).

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