

POVERTY SPRING 2014 LECTURE SERIES to PROSPERITY

MULTI-DIMENSIONAL STRATEGIES TO END POVERTY

The Poverty Puzzle: Ending Poverty in America

Featuring **Bob Herbert**

Former *New York Times*
Columnist, Pundit and Author

Thursday
April 24

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Reception to follow
UIC Student Center East
Room 605
750 S. Halsted Street

Poverty – one of the greatest economic and social challenges of our time. In the wake of the Great Recession, it is clear that it can happen to anyone, at any time. And amid increasingly dismal indicators, the consequences for both individual lives and our nation are exponential.

As cities across America continuously work to combat poverty in their communities, anti-poverty strategies are often incremental in scope, implemented by a mosaic of organizations, and many times developed to meet the needs of certain target groups. It's only when we take a step back and expand our peripheral view to consider the array of interdependent causes and accelerators of poverty that we see there are more pieces to the puzzle that must be considered simultaneously in order to assemble multi-dimensional strategies to address the entire picture.

National political pundit and former *New York Times* columnist, **Bob Herbert** will examine national issues and trends around poverty that will inform a robust discussion with expert panelists on the impact on the local landscape and how the puzzle of support can be assembled into a roadmap to lift communities out of poverty and into prosperity.

Mr. Herbert is a Distinguished Senior Fellow at Demos, a research and policy center in New York and a Trustee of the Schumann Center for Media and Democracy, as well as a member of the Board of Directors of the New Press. From 1993 to 2011 he was an Op-Ed columnist for the *New York Times*, writing about politics, urban affairs, and social trends. He has earned numerous recognitions for journalism and political reporting and was awarded the Ridenhour Courage Prize for the “fearless articulation of unpopular truths.” He also is the author of “Promises Betrayed: Waking Up from the American Dream,” and is currently at work on a new book “Wounded Colossus.”

Panelists:

John Bouman, President
Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law

Will Burns, Alderman
City of Chicago, 4th Ward

Sol Flores, Founding Executive Director
La Casa Norte

Howard Tullman, CEO
1871

Moderator:

Teresa Córdova, Director
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