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Economy, Justice and Society (EJS) is an interdisciplinary program involving faculty in the departments of Economics, Sociology, and the School of Education. The program focuses on understanding the factors and processes that influence the social, cultural, and economic success of individuals and groups.

Kimberlee Shauman, Associate Professor of Sociology, directs the program. She is assisted by a faculty committee consisting of Michal Kurlaender and Heather Rose (Education), Erin Hamilton (Sociology), and Ann Stevens and Giovanni Peri (Economics).

The program continued the "Determinants of Economic Success" seminar series with four speakers during the 2011-12 academic year. Daniel S. Hamermesh (Harvard, Economics) presented work from his book, *Beauty Pays*; Katharine Edin (Harvard, Sociology) presented new research for her in-progress book on fatherhood in the lives of low income unmarried men; Thurston Domina (UCI, Education and Sociology) spoke about "Mathematics Curricular Intensification and Inequality in American High Schools, 1982-2004"; and Matt Huffman (UCI, Sociology) presented results from his study of the impact of female managers on gender inequality in hiring and promotion.

This year the major EJS activity was a conference on the topic of *Immigration and Poverty: Economic and Social Conditions, Policy Approaches*. The conference was co-sponsored by the Economy, Justice and Society Program, the new Center for Poverty Research and the Institute of Governmental Affairs.

The organizers were Erin Hamilton, Giovanni Peri and Kim Shauman.

The mobility of people across national boundaries as an exceptional economic force and catalyst for social and cultural change, but it is also a source of significant policy challenges. This interdisciplinary conference brought together scholars studying the connection between migration and the economic development of individuals, markets, and states in both sending and receiving countries.

The first day of the conference featured cutting -edge research by economists, sociologists, and demographers, addressing three themes: "International Migration and Global Poverty," "Immigration, Jobs and Wages," and "Undocumented Immigrants and Their Assimilation."

The second day examined "Immigration Policy: Current Limits and Potential for Reform" with a moderated discussion among immigration experts from the fields of law, economics, and sociology.

Distinguished sociologist Doug Massey of Princeton University gave a dinner talk on the topic , "Building a Better Underclass: Latinos in 21st Century America."

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August

August 2nd

- 12:00pm – 1:30pm, **Merwin Brown**, California Institute for Energy and Environment, University of California, ***The Real Reasons We Must Have a Smart Grid for the 21st Century***, UCCS, 1130 K St., Suite LL22, Sacramento. For more information on this event, please go to the UCCS website. To register for this event, click here. Registration must be completed by July 30th.

August 9th

- 12:00pm – 1:30pm, **Michael Rios**, UC Davis, The Changing Landscape of Latino Communities in California and Beyond, UCCS, 1130 K St., Suite LL22, Sacramento. For more information on this event, please go to the UCCS website. To register for this event, click here. Registration must be completed by August 6th.

August 14th

- Reception honoring California Community College Chancellor Jack Scott, UCCS 1130 K St., Suite LL22, Sacramento. 4:00pm talk by Chancellor Scott, 5:00pm reception following, RSVP required, to Hilary Wilkoff at hwilkoff@ucdavis.edu, by August 6th.

October

October 4th

- 12:00pm – 1:30pm, **Judith Kjelstrom**, UC Davis, UCCS, 1130 K St., Suite LL22, Sacramento. Speaker's topic still to come. Please continue to check the UCCS website for details.

October 11th

- 12:00pm – 1:30pm, **Karthick Ramakrishnan**, UC Riverside, UCCS, 1130 K St., Suite LL22, Sacramento. Speaker's topic still to come. Please continue to check the UCCS website for details.

October 18th

- 12:00pm – 1:30pm, **Michael Siminovitch**, UC Davis, UCCS, 1130 K St., Suite LL22, Sacramento. Speaker's topic still to come. Please continue to check the UCCS website for details.

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November 8th

- 12:00pm – 1:30pm, **Sheldon Kamieniecki**, UC Santa Cruz, UCCS, 1130 K St., Suite LL22, Sacramento. Speaker's topic still to come. Please continue to check the UCCS website for details.

November 15th

- 12:00pm – 1:30pm, **Jonathan Fox**, UC Santa Cruz, UCCS, 1130 K St., Suite LL22, Sacramento. Speaker's topic still to come. Please continue to check the UCCS website for details.

November 29th

- 12:00pm – 1:30pm, **Jonna Mazet**, UC Davis, UCCS, 1130 K St., Suite LL22, Sacramento. Speaker's topic still to come. Please continue to check the UCCS website for details.

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