

THE HOWARD T. MCMYLER MEMORIAL LECTURE

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“Safety Net Investments in Children”

Children have always been a special focus of social safety net programs and tax policy in the US. Millions of impoverished children receive assistance through so-called “welfare” programs, like Medicaid, food stamps, and the cash benefit program known as Temporary Assistance to Needy Families. Through the Child Tax Credit and Earned Income Tax Credit, our tax system also serves to redirect resources to lower-earning families with children. How well are children served by these various efforts? In her lecture, Professor Hoynes will examine how America’s policy commitment towards the welfare of children has evolved over time, and the distributional implications of that evolution, as attention has shifted away from the very poorest. Professor Hoynes will also summarize the research that quantifies the effect of the social safety net on the life trajectories of children to describe the likely consequences of these policy choices, while also sharing her perspective on how we might do better.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2018

4:30-6:00 p.m.

Reception to follow

Kelvin & Eleanor Smith Foundation Ballroom C
Tinkam Veale University Center
Case Western Reserve University
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Cleveland, Ohio

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Hilary Hoynes is a Professor of Economics and Public Policy and holds the Haas Distinguished Chair in Economic Disparities at the University of California Berkeley. Hoynes specializes in the study of poverty, inequality, and the social safety net. Professor Hoynes is a member of American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Economic Association’s Executive Committee, the Federal Commission on Evidence-Based Policy Making, the National Academy of Sciences Committee on Building an Agenda to Reduce the Number of Children in Poverty by Half in 10 Years, and the California Task Force on Lifting Children and Families out of Poverty. From 2011 to 2016 she was the co-editor of the leading journal in economics the *American Economic Review*. Hoynes received her PhD in Economics from Stanford University in 1992 and her undergraduate degree in Economics and Mathematics from Colby College in 1983 .

Don’t miss this opportunity to hear from one of the preeminent economists in the world!

