

Samuel Dubois Cook Center on Social Equity at Duke University announces Inaugural Cohort of Distinguished Fellows Program

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The Samuel DuBois Cook Center on Social Equity at Duke University is pleased to announce its inaugural 2023 Class of Distinguished Fellows. The eight individuals who constitute the class will provide their specific talents and expertise to advise and advance the Cook Center as it expands its research into the causes of and solutions to disparities in modern life.

“We are thrilled to introduce our first cohort of Distinguished Fellows at the Cook Center—a remarkable group of scholars and policymakers who we want to recognize for their unparalleled commitment to social equity and their professional accomplishments,” said William A. “Sandy” Darity Jr., the founding director of the Cook Center and the Samuel DuBois Cook professor of public policy, African and African American studies, and economics at Duke.

The naming of these Distinguished Fellows, who span the breadth of the social sciences and whose specific distinctions and accomplishments are detailed below, represents both an honorific and an appreciation for their extensive body of work in investigating and understanding the inequalities that exist throughout society. These appointments are made in recognition of their contribution both to scholarship and other knowledge areas. As the Cook Center grows its research program and other activities in the coming years, it will draw upon the expertise of its Distinguished Fellows to guide this development.

Distinguished Fellows will serve in an indefinite advisory role to the Cook Center’s ongoing and future areas of research. The Cook Center anticipates naming additional Distinguished Fellows in subsequent years.

The full list of the Class of 2023 Distinguished Fellows, along with their affiliations, can be found below:

- **James K. Galbraith**, Lloyd M. Bentsen Jr. Chair in Government/Business Relations at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, The University of Texas at Austin

- **Al Green**, Member of Congress, Texas
- **Jennifer Lee**, Julian Clarence Levi Professor of Social Sciences, Columbia University
- **Margaret Levi**, professor of political science and Senior Fellow at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies and at the Woods Institute for the Environment, Stanford University
- **Warren Mosler**, co-founder of the Center for Full Employment And Price Stability at University of Missouri-Kansas City
- **Samuel Myers, Jr.**, Roy Wilkins Professor of Human Relations and Social Justice in the Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota
- **Jennifer Richeson**, Philip R. Allen Professor of Psychology, Yale University
- **Timothy Smeeding**, Lee Rainwater Distinguished Professor of Public Affairs and Economics at the La Follette School of Public Affairs, University of Wisconsin-Madison

“The Distinguished Fellows’ engagement with the Cook Center will strengthen our capacity to fulfill our central mission: identification of the best policies to improve social mobility, expand quality education, guarantee well paid employment, ensure wide access to public health and medical services, enhance opportunities for wealth and asset building, and assure safe and fair participation in the political process,” said Darity.

For more information or to request an interview, please contact Lucas Hubbard at (207) 460-8717 or lucas.hubbard@duke.edu. For the full bios of the Distinguished Fellows, please check the Cook Center’s [website](#).

About the Samuel DuBois Cook Center on Social Equity at Duke University

The Duke Samuel DuBois Cook Center on Social Equity is a scholarly collaborative engaged in the study of the causes and consequences of inequality and in the assessment and redesign of remedies for inequality and its adverse effects. Concerned with the economic, political, social and cultural dimensions of uneven and inequitable access to resources, opportunity and capabilities, Cook Center researchers take a cross-national comparative approach to the study of human difference and disparity. Ranging from the global to the local, Cook Center scholars not only address the overarching social problem of general inequality, but they also explore social problems associated with gender, race, ethnicity and religious affiliation. For more information, visit: <https://socialequity.duke.edu/>.

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