Intended and Unintended Effects of the War on Poverty:
What Research Tells Us and Implications for Policy
Professor Marianne Bitler, UC Davis
January 31st, 2018 (Wednesday)

Professor Bitler will summarize the state of research about several important programs established during the War on Poverty or shortly thereafter. She will touch on a number of food assistance, early human capital, and health programs including Medicaid (MediCal), Food Stamps (CalFresh), WIC, and Head Start. For some of these programs, there has been recent discussion of cutting them back or changing their eligibility rules. Both intended effects-such as reductions in hunger caused by Food Stamps and improved heath coverage caused by Medicaid-and unintended effects good or bad-such as reduced labor supply and savings or better health later in life-will be touched upon. Incorporating the unintended effects is crucial for any serious cost-benefit analysis and alleviation of poverty.

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