The Moynihan Report at 50 promises to be a robust dialogue among scholars across disciplines and political perspectives as they reflect on Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan’s 1965 report on the state of the African-American family in the United States. A scholar of both policy and social science, the New York senator explored the structural and cultural pathologies that haunted African American families, and in so doing drew the ire of critics. His report and its frank assessments remain controversial 50 years later. Was Moynihan prescient? Are the challenges facing the African-American family and, more generally, the American family, more or less grave today than they were in 1965? Princeton University’s James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions will host leading scholars of race, poverty, inequality, criminal justice, religion, marriage, and family for a searching look at the report and its conclusions in light of 50 additional years of social and political observations. The conference will feature a keynote address by Orlando Patterson, John Cowles Professor of Sociology at Harvard University, as well as interdisciplinary panel discussions of scholars and policy experts.

Friday, October 30, 2015

1:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. The Multi-Racial Impact: Youth and Families Fifty Years After Moynihan

Keynote Address: Orlando Patterson, Harvard University

Respondent: Jacqueline Rivers, Harvard University
3:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.  **Fifty Years of Policy: What Works, What Doesn't, and What's Next?**

Panelists:  
**Yuval Levin**, *National Affairs*; Ethics and Public Policy Center  
**Paul Peterson**, Harvard University  
**Isabel V. Sawhill**, Brookings Institution  
**Amy Wax**, University of Pennsylvania  
Chair:  
**Robert P. George**, Princeton University

7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  **The Fragile Families Moynihan Foresaw**

Panelists:  
**Marcy Carlson**, University of Wisconsin  
**Gregory Weiner**, Assumption College  
**W. Bradford Wilcox**, University of Virginia  
Chair:  
**Mark Regnerus**, University of Texas at Austin

**Saturday, October 31, 2015**

9:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.  **On Inequality and Family Well-Being**

Panelists:  
**Stephanos Bibas**, University of Pennsylvania  
**Robert Lerman**, Urban Institute  
**Scott Winship**, The Manhattan Institute  
Chair:  
**Andrew M. Yuengert**, Princeton University & Pepperdine University

11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.  **The Shifting Role of Religion in Shaping a Good Society**

Panelists:  
**Anthony B. Bradley**, The King’s College  
**Jorge L. A. Garcia**, Boston College  
**Byron Johnson**, Baylor University  
**Eugene F. Rivers, 3rd**, Azusa Christian Community  
Chair:  
**Robert P. George**, Princeton University