LABOR MARKET ECONOMIST JOINS NATIONAL POVERTY THINK TANK

Curtis Skinner’s work in urban labor market economics and national economic development will complement NCCP’s diverse research and policy portfolio

New York City – The National Center for Children in Poverty, a think tank based at Columbia University’s Mailman School of Public Health, has named Curtis Skinner, PhD, to head its Family Economic Security team.

“Dr. Skinner is a great fit for us,” says Janice L. Cooper, PhD, NCCP’s interim director. “His background as an economist specializing in the labor market, his interest in immigration issues and focus on cities, as well as his teaching experience make him exactly the person we need to lead our Family Economic Security work, especially in these difficult economic times when so many of America’s children and families are struggling.”

Before joining NCCP, Dr. Skinner served as senior policy analyst in the Office of the New York City Comptroller, where he led analysis of the City’s workforce development policy and programs. He is also president of Pelliparius Consulting, which specializes in urban labor market and economic development research and evaluation, and has spent several years in the classroom, having taught courses in economics and social sciences at Fordham, Cornell and New York University, as well as Adelphi and other universities.

Dr. Skinner earned his PhD in economics from Fordham and his bachelor’s degree in philosophy and political science at Columbia. He is a member of the American Economic Association, the Association for Evolutionary Economics, and the Latin American Studies Association. Included among his publication credits is “The Changing Occupational Structure of Large Metropolitan Areas: Implications for the High School Educated,” in the Journal of Urban Affairs, as well as “High School Graduate Earnings in New York City: The Effects of Skill, Gender, Race and Ethnicity,” published in the same journal.

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