

# Drawing a Line:

## How We Measure Poverty and Why it Matters



**July 23, 2019**

**2:00 to 3:00 PM**

**2043 Rayburn HOB**

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**Ice Cream will be served!**

### **SPEAKERS**

MODERATOR:

Dr. Erica Groshen

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The Federal Poverty Line is among the most consequential of statistical measurements: it affects eligibility for federal programs such as TANF and SNAP as well as hundreds of other programs at the state and local level—and serves as a benchmark for private sector philanthropy. How do we formulate federal poverty measures? What are the real-world implications when those models are changed? Join us for an informative and thought-provoking examination of the “science” of measuring poverty by national experts in economics and statistics.

This is a widely-attended event relevant to official duties.