On Thursday September 20th, we kicked off the 2012-13 Social Policy Seminar Series with a talk from Ingrid Gould Ellen, Ph.D. entitled "What Explains Population Growth in Cities and Neighborhoods?" Dr. Ellen is a Professor of Public Policy and Urban Planning at New York University's Wagner School of Public Service, and co-director of the Furman Center for Real Estate and Public Policy. If you could not make it to Dr. Ellen's talk, don't worry. You can experience the seminar virtually via audio recording [here](#) and Dr. Ellen's slides [here](#).

The Social Policy Seminar Series is presented by IPS, the Department of Economics, and the Department of Health Policy and Management. Go [here](#) for a schedule of upcoming seminars. The next event on the horizon is an exciting Press and Public Policy Seminar from Adam Davidson, who writes "It's the Economy" for the New York Times Magazine and co-hosts/co-founded Planet Money on NPR. Davidson's seminar is entitled, "The Massive Gulf Between What Economists Know And Politicians Say About the Economy." Join us Thursday, October 11th, 2012 from 4:30-6:00pm in the Shriver Hall Board Room on the Johns Hopkins Homewood Campus. RSVP to bokeefe2@jhu.edu.