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Energy Waste Reduction (EWR) Low Income Workgroup

January 24, 2019 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

University of Michigan

Michigan League, Michigan Room (2nd floor), [Parking](#)

911 N. University, Ann Arbor MI 48108

8:30-8:45am **Gathering:** coffee and light breakfast

8:45-8:55am **Welcome Address: Jonathan Overpeck,**
Dean, School for Environment & Sustainability

8:55-9:15am **Introduction to EWR LIWG: Brad Banks**
Energy Efficiency Program Analyst, Michigan Public Service
Commission

Opening Remarks: Tony Reames,
Assistant Professor & Director, U-M Urban Energy Justice Lab

9:15-10:00am **Panel: Poverty, Energy & Housing Security**
Moderator: Ben Stacey, Graduate Researcher,
U-M Urban Energy Justice Lab and Poverty Solutions

Maddy Kamalay, Weatherization Specialist,
Michigan DHHS, Bureau of Community Action and Economic Opportunity

- Weatherization program barriers and opportunities

Jen Erb-Downward, Senior Research Associate,
U-M Poverty Solutions

- Homelessness and the trade-offs in sustained housing

Jason Kupser, Manager – EWR Residential and Education / Awareness Programs,
DTE Energy

- Energy efficiency programs for low-income single and multifamily homes

10:00-10:15am **Break**

10:15-11:00am **Panel continued...**

Scott Alan Davis, Portfolio Director,
Solutions for Energy Efficient Logistics

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- Challenges of Outreach and Engagement

Kristin Seefeldt, Assistant Professor,
School of Social Work and Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy

- Barriers preventing low-income families from achieving the American Dream

11:00-11:30am **Panel Q & A**

11:30-12:00pm **Keynote Address: Luke Shaefer**, Director of
Poverty Solutions, University of Michigan

EVENT DESCRIPTION:

Households in poverty face an array of challenges to meet their needs for water, energy, healthy food, medical care and affordable housing. For low income residents, these challenges are oftentimes inseparable, and as such, energy policy-makers, advocacy groups, and decision-makers encounter these issues in their approach towards providing clean, renewable and efficient energy in Michigan. Today's symposium is intended to bridge research at U-M's Urban Energy Justice Lab and Poverty Solutions Initiative, with priority issues for the stakeholders of the Michigan Public Service Commission Energy Waste Reduction Low Income Workgroup.

Suggested Parking: (5-10 minute walk to the Michigan League)

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