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What the Federal Government Must Do to End Poverty CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEW Releases a Special Issue

(Chicago)—Born out of the nationwide attention to poverty in the wake of Hurricane Katrina and the ensuing national dialogue, the May–June 2006 CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEW reminds us that poverty antedated Katrina and that, long after images of the storm have left our television screens, poverty persists. “From isolated rural counties to crowded urban blocks, there is a Lower Ninth Ward of poverty in every community,” says Rita McLennon, executive director of the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law. “In pointing out the poverty revealed by the hurricane, our intent is not to revisit the shame and devastation in its wake but to move from shame to solutions,” she continues. One such solution is formulating an effective federal antipoverty strategy. The May–June 2006 CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEW is a blueprint for such a strategy.

Articles by prominent policy experts and specialists in poverty law analyze the factors keeping persons in poverty and offer solutions for the federal government to apply to eliminate poverty. The journal features in-depth articles from legal advocates and from across the nation. Articles include:

- *The War on Poverty and Subsequent Federal Programs: What Worked, What Didn't Work, and Why?* by Peter Edelman
- *The Federal Government—the Indispensable Player in Redressing Poverty* by James D. Weill
- *Attacking Poverty by Attacking Chronic Unemployment* by John Bouman and Joseph Antolin
- *Boating Out of New Orleans: Who Was Left Behind in Katrina and Who Is Left Behind Now?* by William P. Quigley
- *Tearing Down Structural Racism and Rebuilding Communities* by Maya Wiley and John A. Powell
- *Redefining Public Education for the 21st Century: Toward a Federal Guarantee of Education and Training for America's Workers* by Shawn Fremstad and Andy Van Kleunen
- *Permitting a New Start for People with Criminal Records* by Anthony C. Thompson and Debbie A. Mukamal
- *Public Policy and Asset Building: Promising Account-Based Systems and the Rationale for Inclusion* by Reid Cramer

In his introduction to the special issue John Edwards, the former senator and now director of the Center on Poverty, Work and Opportunity, says: “This special issue offers several important ideas on how we can restore the ideals of the American Dream by lifting more families out of poverty.” As the premier national poverty law journal published since 1967, CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEW serves many purposes for those advocating on behalf of low-income people. Poverty law experts and practitioners view CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEW as their forum of choice for reaching the audience of antipoverty advocates for social and economic justice.

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