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### **Georgetown Center on Poverty & Inequality Becomes Two Distinct Centers**

*The Center on Gender Justice & Opportunity Will Now Operate as a Standalone Center alongside the Center on Poverty & Inequality.*

Washington, DC - The two initiatives of the Center on Poverty & Inequality become standalone centers at the Georgetown University Law Center today. The newly introduced peer centers—The Center on Gender Justice & Opportunity and The Center on Poverty & Inequality—will maintain a cross-cutting focus on racial and gender equity, while deepening their distinct specializations.

For nearly ten years, the Center on Poverty & Inequality has housed two initiatives: the Initiative on Gender Justice & Opportunity and the Economic Security & Opportunity Initiative. Given the unique focus of each initiative, the respective efforts have restructured as standalone Centers, enabling future growth of their work.

The newly named Center on Gender Justice & Opportunity will continue to work to eliminate gender and racial disparities in education, healthcare, and the justice system, rooted in the voices and experiences of girls and women. The work of the Economic Security & Opportunity Initiative will now be the sole focus of the Center on Poverty & Inequality—aiming to expand economic inclusion and advance equity through research, analysis, and policy development.

“After celebrating our ten-year anniversary in the fall, we are proud to announce our growth as an independent Center within Georgetown Law, and to continue to work in partnership with the Center for Poverty & Inequality,” said Rebecca Epstein, Executive Director of the Center on Gender Justice & Opportunity. “The mission of our research, policy, and practice remains steadfast, in service of a just world where all girls and women have equal opportunity to thrive—and, as ever, with their voices and experiences at the center of our work.”

“We are excited for the launch of the new Center on Gender Justice & Opportunity and are confident that this change will expand Georgetown Law’s opportunities to advance racial and gender equity,” said Aileen Carr, Interim Executive Director of the Center on Poverty and Inequality. “As we begin this next chapter, our center remains rooted in bold ideas—backed by research—that would power prosperity, and combat the harms of racism, sexism, and poverty.”

#### **About the Center on Poverty & Inequality at Georgetown Law**

The Center on Poverty & Inequality works to alleviate poverty and inequality, advance racial and gender equity, and expand economic inclusion through research, analysis, and public policy ideas. Our ideas—which are backed by our rigorous research and analysis and rooted in the lived experiences of people affected by poverty, racism, and sexism—focus on: tax and

benefits, jobs and education, health and human service delivery, and protecting inclusive and equitable democratic institutions. For more information, visit <https://www.georgetownpoverty.org/>.

**About the New Center on Gender Justice & Opportunity at Georgetown Law**

The Center on Gender Justice & Opportunity works to uncover and eliminate gender and racial disparities across public systems – including education, healthcare, and the legal system. Their work starts with the root causes of injustice and is directly informed by girls and women—ensuring that the Center’s groundbreaking research and innovative policy recommendations are rooted in lived experiences. The Center’s work is in service of a just world where all girls experience a childhood that is truly free. For more information: <https://genderjusticeandopportunity.georgetown.edu>