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Buffalo Poverty Research Workshop to Feature Expertise of Scholars and Community Groups

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BUFFALO, N.Y. --

Sociologists, urban planners,

geographers and

other researchers

from area colleges

and universities will

come together

tomorrow, Feb. 26,

from 1 to 4 p.m. in

the Merriweather

Library, 1324

Jefferson Ave., for

a free public workshop addressing

poverty research in Buffalo.

Members of the media are invited to cover this event. No seats remain for members of the public.

Discussion will address recent research on the region's poverty crisis, and consider how community groups and scholars can collaborate and brainstorm about new research projects that will address poverty in the area.

Speakers will include poverty and food security experts Diane Picard, executive director of the Massachusetts Avenue Project, and Samina Raja, PhD, associate professor of planning, University at

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The Poverty Research Workshop is sponsored by the Homeless Alliance of Western New York, the Partnership for the Public Good, the University at Buffalo Civic Engagement and Public Policy research initiative, and the Western New York Service Learning Coalition.

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