



## The Syllabus: What you need to know for the May 12 'MHP'

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On Sunday, *Melissa Harris-Perry* will dedicate both hours of the program to the assertion that poverty in America can be solved. We have gathered an expert panel of thought leaders, innovators, and activists who are putting forward the ideas and effort to create a future in America without poverty. Melissa will cover essential aspects of the issue including economic mobility, homelessness, hunger, and the criminal justice system.



The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that 20 percent of American children are impoverished. Sunday's "MHP" will focus exclusively on solving American poverty. (AP Photo/Patrick Semansky)

Joining the show will be [Rev. Vivian Nixon](#), Executive Director of College and Community Fellowship and co-founder of the [Education Inside Out Coalition](#). Rev. Nixon focuses her work on the importance of access to education in order to end the cycle of poverty. Through the EIOC, Rev. Nixon targets the obstacles those in prison face when it comes obtaining higher education. The EIOC works to change policies that do not allow incarcerated individuals to receive Pell Grants.

We will also be joined by [Jeremy Rosen](#), Executive Director of the National Policy and Advocacy Council on Homelessness. Mr. Rosen's work has focused on affordable housing

policy on the federal, state and local levels including veterans housing, housing for children, youth and families as well as the issue of homelessness.

[Dr. Mariana Chilton](#) will be in Nerdland to discuss her solutions for ending child hunger in America. As an Associate Professor at Drexel University's School of Public Health, Co-Principal Investigator of [Children's Healthwatch](#) and Director of the [Center for Hunger-Free Communities](#) at Drexel, Dr. Chilton works to improve the overall health of our nation's children from pediatric care to policy to making strides in ending childhood hunger.

Founder, President, and CEO of [Family Independence Initiative](#) [Mauricio Lim Miller](#) will share his strategy to reverse poverty by harnessing the strength and initiative of low-income families in order to deliver results that our current system does not deliver.

[Tianna Gaines-Turner](#) will talk firsthand about living in poverty and working to feed not just herself, but her family. As a member of [Witnesses to Hunger](#), Tianna works with hunger experts and those who have experienced hunger to find solutions and advocate for those in need.

Be sure to read what we've linked above, and watch *Melissa Harris-Perry* Sunday at 10 a.m. EST on MSNBC! Also, don't forget to join us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) with the hashtag [#Nerdland](#).