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April 16th, 2018: Join NYU DRI with Anne Case for "Death in the Afternoon: Changing Mortality Patterns in Working Class America"

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Join NYU DRI on Monday, April 16th, for a talk on "Death in the Afternoon: Changing Mortality Patterns in Working Class America" with Anne Case, the Alexander Stewart 1886 Professor of Economics and Public Affairs, Emeritus at Princeton University.



"Death in the Afternoon: Changing Mortality Patterns in Working Class America"

Abstract:

This lecture builds on and extends the findings in Case and Deaton (2015, 2017) on increases in mortality and morbidity among white non-Hispanic Americans in midlife since the turn of the century. Increases in all-cause mortality continued to 2016, led by increases in drug overdose, suicide, and alcohol-related liver mortality, most notably among those with less than a bachelor degree. Not only are educational differences in mortality among whites increasing, but from 1998 to 2015 mortality *rose* for those without, and *fell* for those with, a college degree. Mortality rates in comparable rich countries have continued their pre-millennial fall at the rates that used to characterize the US. Why has the US left the herd? We propose a story of *cumulative disadvantage* from one birth cohort to the next, in the labor market, in marriage arrangements, and in health, that has been triggered by progressively worsening labor market opportunities at the time of entry for whites with less education. We examine mechanisms at work in the US that have made for an increasingly hostile labor market for working class workers, and policy levers that, if pulled, may help strengthen the market for less well educated Americans.

Speaker:



Anne Case is the Alexander Stewart 1886 Professor of Economics and Public Affairs, Emeritus at [Princeton University](#), where she is the Director of the [Research Program in Development Studies](#). Dr. Case has written extensively on health over the life course. She has been awarded the Kenneth J. Arrow Prize in Health Economics from the International Health Economics Association, for her work on the links between economic status and health status in childhood, and the Cozzarelli Prize from the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences for her research on midlife morbidity and mortality. Dr. Case currently serves on the Advisory Council for the NIH-National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, the President's Committee on the National Medal of Science, and the Committee on National Statistics. She is a Research Associate of the NBER, a Fellow of the Econometric Society, and is an affiliate of the Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit at the University of Cape Town. She also is a member of the National Academy of Medicine, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the American Philosophical Society.

Event Program

Date: Monday, April 16th, 2018

Time: 12:30pm - 2:00pm

Venue: [14A Washington Mews, 1st Floor, New York, NY 10003](#)

An [RSVP](#) is required for the event. Please send your RSVP by April 15th at 5:00pm EST.

**Food and refreshments will be served.*

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