The Future of Children congratulates Janet Currie, Greg Duncan, and Kathryn Edin, who were among seven eminent scholars inducted this week as 2014 Fellows of the American Academy of Political and Social Science for their contributions to improving society through research and influence over public policy.

Currie, the Henry Putnam Professor of Economics and Public Affairs at Princeton University’s Woodrow Wilson School and director of the school’s Center for Health and Wellbeing, is one of four senior editors who help guide the work of Future of Children. With Robert Kahn, she co-edited the Future of Children issue on “Children with Disabilities” (Spring 2012). She is also a co-editor of forthcoming issues on preventing children’s health problems (Spring 2015) and children and climate change (Spring 2016), and she is the author of the Future of Children articles “Health Disparities and Gaps in School Readiness” (Spring 2005) and “Choosing Among Alternative Programs for Poor Children” (Summer/Fall 1997).

Duncan is a Distinguished Professor in the School of Education at the University of California, Irvine. During his long association with the Future of Children, Duncan has contributed “Reducing Poverty through Preschool Interventions” (with Jens Ludwig and Katherine Magnuson, Fall 2007), “Can Family Socioeconomic Resources Account for Racial and Ethnic Test Score Gaps?” (with Katherine Magnuson, Spring 2005), and “The Effects of Poverty on Children” (with Jeanne Brooks-Gunn, Summer/Fall 1997). His latest Future of Children article, “Boosting Family Income to Promote Child Development” (with Katherine Magnuson and Elizabeth Votruba-Drzal), will appear in the Spring 2014 issue.

Edin, a professor of public policy and management at Harvard’s Kennedy School, co-wrote “Why Don't They Just Get Married? Barriers to Marriage among the Disadvantaged” (with Joanna Reed, Fall 2005).

The other 2014 Fellows are U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren, who was Leo Gottlieb Professor of Law at Harvard Law School before she took office; economist Heidi Hartmann, founder and president of the Institute for Women's Policy Research; criminologist Daniel Nagin, the Teresa and H. John Heinz III University Professor of Public Policy and Statistics and associate dean of faculty at Heinz College, Carnegie Mellon University; and political scientist Alan Gerber, the Charles C. and Dorathea S. Dilley Professor of Political Science and director of the Center for the Study of American Politics at Yale University.

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