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Kearney's scholarly research focuses on poverty, inequality, and social policy in the United States. Her work is published in leading academic journals and is frequently cited in the press. She is a senior editor of the *Future of Children*, an editorial board member of the *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, *Journal of Economic Literature*, and *Demography*, and she was previously co-editor of the *Journal of Human Resources*. She is a scholar affiliate and board member of the Notre Dame Wilson-Sheehan Lab for Economic Opportunities, a scholar affiliate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (JPAL), and on the board of governors of the Smith Richardson Foundation. Kearney previously served as Director of the Hamilton Project at Brookings and co-chair of the JPAL State and Local Innovation Initiative.

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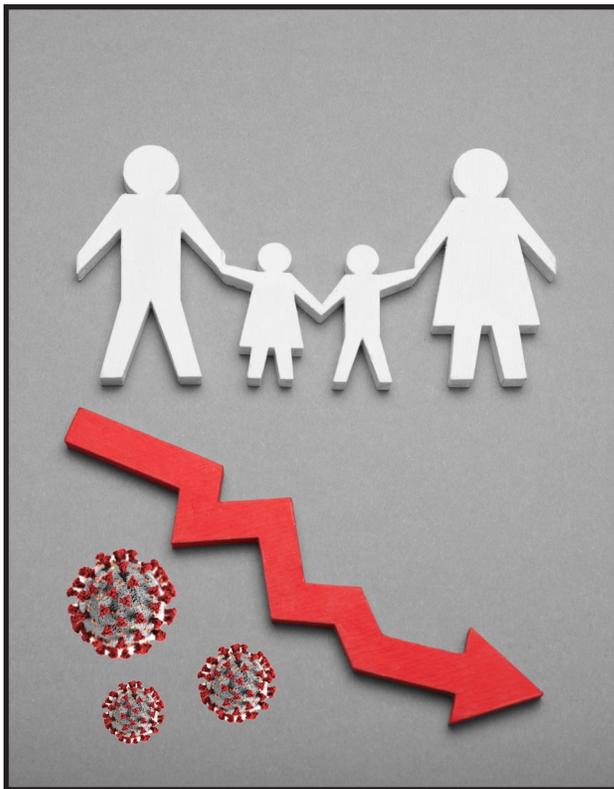
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The COVID-19 pandemic and associated recession is affecting individuals, families, businesses, and our nation in numerous and unprecedented ways. One likely, perhaps surprising, effect is a lasting reduction in fertility. In a recent report, Drs. Melissa Kearney and Phil Levine predicted that the pandemic could lead to as many as a million fewer babies born in the coming year. In this talk, Professor Kearney will discuss that report in the broader context of the economics of fertility, and other ways in which the current crisis is likely to have lasting, negative effects on families.

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