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**INAUGURAL ISSUE OF *PATHWAYS* TO FEATURE ESSAYS BY TOP PRESIDENTIAL
CONTENDERS CLINTON, OBAMA, AND EDWARDS ON TOPIC OF DOMESTIC
POVERTY**

New quarterly Stanford publication to examine poverty and inequality policy in the United States

STANFORD, CA – JANUARY 7, 2008 – The Stanford Center for the Study of Poverty and Inequality (www.inequality.com) today announced the launch of its new quarterly publication, *Pathways*, an online and hardcopy magazine dedicated to examining poverty and inequality in the United States. The inaugural cover story, to be released online at www.inequality.com on Jan. 7 (and in hardcopy form shortly thereafter), features new policy statements about poverty by top Presidential candidates, Clinton, Edwards, and Obama.

“We are living in a new economy with new risks, new anxieties, and unprecedented levels of inequality, and *Pathways* is dedicated to making sense of this new world and devising policy that is tailored to it,” notes David Grusky, Director of The Stanford Center for the Study of Poverty and Inequality and one of the senior editors of *Pathways*. “We invited the top Presidential candidates as of early November – Clinton, Edwards, Obama, Guiliani, McCain, and Romney – to discuss whether a new war on poverty should be fought. Although none of the Republican candidates took up the challenge, the three top Democratic candidates have come out with aggressive statements that push the debate on poverty and inequality policy forward.”

The new magazine couples policy debate with reports on the latest scientific evidence on poverty and inequality. It provides new trend data detailing how some types of inequality are taking off, others are declining, and yet others are stable. It describes which interventions are working and which aren't. And it brings to the public new research that is changing how we understand the sources of and solutions to poverty and inequality. For more information, go to www.inequality.com.

The Stanford Center for Poverty and Inequality: Supported by the Elfenworks Foundation (www.elfenworks.org), the Center monitors trends in poverty and inequality, supports scientific analysis of poverty and inequality, disseminates data, research, and policy analysis on poverty and inequality, and trains the next generation of scholars and analysts of poverty and inequality. For more information, go to www.inequality.com.

About The Elfenworks Foundation: The Elfenworks Foundation was created in an effort to support non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in innovative and unconventional ways. We strive to be *-In Harmony with Hope-* by shining light on causes that benefit humanity. In affiliation with U.S. centers of academic excellence, our multi-faceted, creative and hardworking team of social entrepreneurs and advisors draws on expertise in communications, technology, film, music, law, and business administration to empower the nonprofits we serve; we remove obstacles, help strengthen program and business-model capacities, build infrastructures, forge alliances, and raise awareness about these organizations and our shared agenda. In this way we work in harmony towards our common goal of positive, measurable, and sustainable change. Our current goal is to ameliorate domestic poverty and provide new hope for the disenfranchised here at home.

Our newly released coffee table book “*Tracks of Hope*” (available at blurb.com) and forthcoming film of “**A Concert For Hope**” emphasize with compelling visuals and information the urgent need to address poverty and inequality at home. For more information, go to www.elfenworks.org.

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