Third Annual Birdsall House Conference on Women
“Reproductive Choices to Life Chances: The Links between Contraception and Women’s Economic Empowerment”
Thursday, December 7, 2017

9:30am: Breakfast

10:00am-10:10am: Welcome and Introduction

Masood Ahmed, Center for Global Development

10:10am-10:25am: Framing Remarks

Amanda Glassman, Center for Global Development

10:25am-11:10am: Talk: Access and Use of Contraception and Its Effects on Women’s Outcomes in the United States

Jason M. Lindo, Texas A&M University

11:10am-11:40am: Keynote Address

Marie-Claude Bibeau, Canada’s Minister of International Development and La Francophonie

11:40am-11:55am: Coffee Break

11:55am-12:40pm: Talk: Empirical Evidence on the Links Between Contraception and Women’s Choices in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: New Empirical Evidence from Colombia and Malaysia

Grant Miller, Stanford University
Nurith Aizenman, NPR (moderator)

12:40pm-1:40pm: Lunch

1:40pm-2:50pm: Panel 1: Empirical Evidence on the Links Between Contraception and Women’s Choices in Low- and Middle-Income Countries


The Effects of Education and Family Planning Programs on Fertility in Indonesia. Thomas Mroz, Georgia State University

The Effect of Reproductive Health Improvements on Women’s Economic Empowerment. Jocelyn Finlay, Harvard University


Markus Goldstein, World Bank (Moderator)
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2:50pm-3:20pm:  Afternoon Remarks

Rachel Glennerster, Executive Director of the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab
(incoming Chief Economist, UK Department for International Development)

3:20pm-3:50pm: Talk: How Contraception Changes Women’s Choices

Nancy Birdsall, Center for Global Development

3:50pm-4:05pm: Coffee Break

4:05pm-4:20pm: Keynote Address: Connecting the Evidence to the Girl Child

Her Excellency Dr. Joyce Banda

4:20pm-5:20pm: Panel 2: So What? Policy and Funding Implications

Julia Bunting, Population Council

Beth Schlachter, FP2020

Monique Vledder, Global Financing Facility

Lois Quam, Pathfinder International

Amanda Glassman, Center for Global Development (Moderator)

5:20pm-5:30pm: Concluding Remarks

Amanda Glassman, Center for Global Development

5:30 pm: Reception