We are pleased to invite policy makers, students and other interested members of the public to attend two events scheduled for August 23rd and 24th to listen to the perspectives of our honored guests, Marian Wright Edelman and Peter Edelman, on developments in poverty and their public policy implications.

**About our Guest Speakers**

**Marian Wright Edelman**, founder and president of the Children’s Defense Fund (CDF), has been an advocate for disadvantaged Americans her entire professional life. Under her leadership, CDF has become the nation’s strongest voice for children and families. See her more complete bio on the back of this page.

**Peter Edelman**, a law professor at Georgetown University, specializes in poverty law and constitutional law and is the co-director of the Center of Poverty, Inequality, and Public Policy at the University. He has also served in all three branches of government. See his more complete bio on the back of this page.

**Symposium on Public Policy Implications of Poverty Trends**

Thursday, August 23, 2012, 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the William S. Richardson School of Law.

The symposium will feature Marian Wright Edelman and Peter Edelman and will be moderated by Dean Avi Soifer and include Professor Calvin Pang and Victor Geminiani as additional panelists. It will focus on exploring the local and national trends that have resulted in our current levels of poverty among children and low income families as well as a discussion of policy modifications that could increase stability and opportunities for self-achievement for those in poverty. A complimentary lunch will be provided.

**Breakfast with Peter Edelman**

Friday, August 24, 2012, 8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Fuller Hall at the Laniakea YWCA, 1040 Richards Street in Honolulu.

Professor Edelman will discuss some of the main themes in his recently published book, “So Rich, So Poor: Why It’s So Hard to End Poverty in America.” Breakfast will be served. Price of admission is $25.

**Please Make Reservations Now**

Space at both events is limited so please reserve a place by RSVP via the Hawaii Appleseed web site at [http://hiappleseed.org/rsvp](http://hiappleseed.org/rsvp), emailing mindi@hiappleseed.org or by calling the Hawaii Appleseed office at 587-7605. If you wish to RSVP for the symposium ONLY, you may register as described above or with the law school at lawevent@hawaii.edu or by calling 956-8478.
Marian Wright Edelman

Marian Wright Edelman, founder and president of the Children’s Defense Fund (CDF), has been an advocate for disadvantaged Americans for her entire professional life. Under her leadership, CDF has become the nation’s strongest voice for children and families. After graduating from Yale Law School, she began her career working on racial justice issues with the NAACP in both New York and Mississippi. She became the first African American woman admitted to the bar in the state of Mississippi where she directed the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund office in Jackson, Mississippi. In 1968, she moved to Washington, D.C. as counsel to the Poor People’s Campaign that Martin Luther King, Jr. had begun before his death. She later served as the Director of the Center for Law and Education at Harvard University and in 1973 founded CDF as a voice for poor, minority and handicapped children.

Ms. Edelman has received numerous honorary degrees and many awards including the Albert Schweitzer Humanitarian Prize, the Heinz Award, and a MacArthur Foundation Prize Fellowship. In 2000, she received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation’s highest civilian award, and the Robert F. Kennedy Lifetime Achievement Award for her writings which include: Families in Peril: An Agenda for Social Change; The Measure of Our Success: A Letter to My Children and Yours; Guide My Feet: Meditations and Prayers on Loving and Working for Children; Stand for Children; Lanterns: A Memoir of Mentors; Hold My Hand: Prayers for Building a Movement to Leave No Child Behind; I'm Your Child, God: Prayers for Our Children; I Can Make a Difference: A Treasury to Inspire Our Children; and The Sea Is So Wide and My Boat Is So Small: Charting a Course for the Next Generation.

Peter Edelman

Peter Edelman is a Professor of Law at Georgetown University Law Center, where he teaches constitutional law and poverty law and is faculty co-director of the Georgetown Center on Poverty, Inequality, and Public Policy. On the faculty since 1982, he has also served in all three branches of government. During President Clinton’s first term he was Counselor to HHS Secretary Donna Shalala and then Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.

Professor Edelman has been Associate Dean of the Law Center, Director of the New York State Division for Youth, and Vice President of the University of Massachusetts. He was a Legislative Assistant to Senator Robert F. Kennedy and Issues Director for Senator Edward Kennedy's 1980 Presidential campaign. Prior to working for RFK, he clerked for Supreme Court Justice Arthur J. Goldberg and before that for Judge Henry J. Friendly on the U.S. Court of Appeals. He also served as Special Assistant to U.S. Assistant Attorney General John Douglas, and was a partner in the law firm of Foley & Lardner.

Mr. Edelman’s new book, So Rich, So Poor: Why It’s So Hard to End Poverty in America, published by The New Press, was released in May 2012. A previous book, Searching for America’s Heart: RFK and the Renewal of Hope, is available in paperback from the Georgetown University Press. His article in the Atlantic Monthly, entitled “The Worst Thing Bill Clinton Has Done,” received the Harry Chapin Media Award.

Professor Edelman has chaired and been a board member of numerous organizations and foundations. He is currently chair of the District of Columbia Access to Justice Commission and is board chair of the American Constitution Society, the Public Welfare Foundation and the National Center for Youth Law.

Mr. Edelman has been a United States-Japan Leadership Program Fellow, was the J. Skelly Wright Memorial Fellow at Yale Law School, and has received numerous honors and awards for his work, including the William J. Brennan, Jr. Award from the D.C. Bar in 2005. He grew up in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and graduated from Harvard College and Harvard Law School.