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When More Means Less: Cumulative Risks and their Impact on Children's and Families' Outcomes

Poverty exerts its negative influence on children in many ways. Children who grow up in low-income environments are often exposed to a wide range of biological risks (such as poor nutrition and inadequate health care) and psychosocial risks (such as harsh parenting, maternal depression and exposure to violence). These numerous factors are known to prevent over 200 million children in the developing countries from attaining their developmental potential. What compounds these effects, however, is that these risks often co-occur, exposing children to the more serious effects of cumulative risk factors. Dr. Carta will provide an overview of the ways in which multiple risks can affect children and families and offer potential solutions for ways in which practitioners can cut through the layers of risks to enhance children's and families' outcomes.

RSVP's are essential as places are limited.

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**Bradley forum,
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Hawke Building,
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City West campus,
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**4-5pm: talk
5-6pm: drinks
and nibbles**

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