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### ***"The Promise of Abbott v. Burke" subject of panel discussion at WWS, Nov. 4***

The Woodrow Wilson School will present a public panel discussion titled "The Promise of Abbott v. Burke" at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4, in Bowl 016, Robertson Hall, on the Princeton University campus. The discussion is being held in conjunction with the art exhibit "The Achievement Gap - A Look at the Abbott Districts" by photographer Randall Hagadorn on display in the Bernstein Gallery. A reception will immediately follow the discussion.

Panelists will include Thomas Corcoran, Visiting Lecturer of Public and International Affairs at the Woodrow Wilson School and Director of the Consortium for Policy Research in Education at Columbia University; Nathan Scovronick, Director of the Woodrow Wilson School's Undergraduate Program and lecturer of public and international affairs; and Deborah Yaffe, journalist and the author of "Other People's Children: The Battle for Justice and Equality in New Jersey's Schools." Stanley Katz will be the moderator.

Thomas Corcoran is a visiting lecturer at the Woodrow Wilson School and the Director of the Consortium for Policy Research in Education at Teachers College at Columbia University. He formerly served as Policy Advisor for Education to the Governor of New Jersey and as Chief of Staff at the New Jersey Department of Education.

Nathan Scovronick is currently the director of the Undergraduate Program at the Woodrow Wilson School and teaches courses on education policy. He also served as the Acting Director of the Policy Research Institute for the Region at the School and as Director of the Program in New Jersey Affairs. He previously served as Executive Director of the Treasury Department of the State of New Jersey and in several policy positions with the New Jersey legislature, including its education committees. He is the author (with Jennifer L. Hochschild) of "The American Dream and the Public Schools" (Oxford University Press, 2003).

Deborah Yaffe has worked as a newspaper reporter for the *Jersey Journal*, the *Recorder* of San Francisco, the *Asbury Park Press*, and at the Trenton bureau of the *Gannett* chain. Her journalism has won awards from the New Jersey Press Association, the Education Writers Association and the National Association of Secondary School Principals. In 2003, she received a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities to support research on *Other People's Children*, her first book.

This event is co-sponsored by the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs and the Educational Testing Service (ETS). It is free and open to the public.

