

This dissertation contributes to our understanding of intergenerational mobility and its determinants from a variety of perspectives. By examining the effects of maternal exposure and inheritance on children, and how historical family socioeconomic status is passed on to the next generation, this dissertation reveals certain channels through which parents and previous generations influence individual outcomes. These findings not only expand academic understanding of intergenerational mobility issues, but also have important implications for policymakers aiming to foster social mobility and reduce inequality.