

RACIAL JUSTICE RESEARCH AND PRACTICE DIALOGUES

EVENT 3: ECONOMIC INEQUALITIES AND RACIAL WEALTH DISPARITIES

Event Description:

This event will cover economic inequalities and patterns of racial wealth disparities, especially the causes and effects of major wealth disparities between American white and BIPOC communities. As an outcome of both intentional government policy throughout the 20th and 21st centuries, and accumulated prejudice in economic spheres including employment, housing, finance, and others, wealth disparities have major social implications, affecting public health, education, crime and justice, and quality of life. Our esteemed panelists Dr. Naomi Zewde (CUNY Graduate School of Public Health) and Dr. Stephan Lefebvre (Bucknell University), will join John Jay's Dr. Jessica Gordon Nembhard for a discussion of the causes and effects of racial wealth disparities and how they can be addressed with intentional approaches to economic policy.

Readings

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