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The Roger S. Aaron ’64 Lecture

Uncivil Democracy: Race, Poverty, and Civil Legal Inequality

Speaker:
Jamila Michener
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Host:
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Lecture Info:
Civil law is the channel through which many people adjudicate the (non-criminal) legal challenges that emerge in everyday life. Core functions of civil law involve arbitrating outcomes that are especially vital to people living in or near poverty (e.g., evictions, loss of public assistance, disputes between lenders and borrowers, and much more). Moreover, civil legal protections are especially critical to low-income women of color. This talk will highlight the repercussions of civil legal inequality. Professor Michener show how civil legal institutions affect economic and political dynamics in race-class subjugated communities, and consider the implications of civil legal institutions for U.S. democracy.
Speaker Bio:

Jamila Michener is an associate professor of Government and Public Policy at Cornell University. She studies poverty, racism, and public policy, with a particular focus on health and housing. She is author of the award-winning book, Fragmented Democracy: Medicaid, Federalism, and Unequal Politics. She is Associate Dean for Public Engagement at the Brooks School of Public Policy, co-director of the Cornell Center for Health Equity, co-director of the Politics of Race, Immigration, Class and Ethnicity (PRICE) research initiative, and board chair of the Cornell Prison Education Program.

Host Bio:

Herschel Nachlis is Research Assistant Professor in the Department of Government and Policy Fellow in the Rockefeller Center for Public Policy and the Social Sciences at Dartmouth.

He studies and teaches American politics and public law, focus on health and social policy, regulatory politics, and political institutions. His research examines health regulatory policy, public health and biomedical research programs, and mental health politics and policy, and has been published in journals including JAMA: The Journal of the American Medical Association and Studies in American Political Development and public outlets including The Washington Post and STAT.

He received his Ph.D. and M.A. in Politics and Social Policy from Princeton, and B.A. in Political Science from Macalester.

Recent Publication: (if applicable)

Fragmented Democracy: Medicaid, Federalism, and Unequal Politics
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