



Equity Seminar Series Welcomes

Dr. Karl Alexander

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The Long Shadow: Family Background, Disadvantaged Urban Youth, and the Transition to Adulthood

Thursday, November 12th

2:00 – 3:30 pm

Tawes, Room 1100

University of Maryland, College Park

Prof. Alexander, the author of *The Long Shadow*, discusses his research on social mobility in Baltimore and the intersection of race and socio-economic status. In a three-decade longitudinal study, Alexander and his colleagues followed 790 Baltimore schoolchildren and addressed questions about the drivers of urban poverty, privilege, and persistent socio-economic immobility across generations. The study monitored the children's transitions to young adulthood with special attention to how opportunities available to them as early as first grade shaped their socioeconomic status as adults. This is one of a few studies that examines the outcomes of inner-city whites in addition to African-Americans. Alexander will also discuss a new initiative, the Thurgood Marshall Alliance, an organization designed to bridge research and practice.

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