RACE AND VIOLENCE IN AMERICAN POLITICS

Megan Ming Francis  
Wednesday, October 12, 2016 - 7:30pm to 9:00pm  
Kane Hall Room 120  
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Issues of unprosecuted violence against minorities, identity politics and racial tension have occupied the greater American consciousness for decades. How do we change the course? Megan Ming Francis argues that in order to look ahead, we first must look back.

Free and open to public. Must register by Monday, October 10th.

Brought to you by the UW Graduate School and the UWAA, Equity & Difference is a series of talks that expose and explain transgressions and struggles—both systematic and personal—experienced by too many in our communities today, featuring thought leaders from our campus and around the world who are working to open our eyes to the consequences of prejudice, and seeking solutions for change. The Autumn 2016 lectures focus on the issues and intersection of privilege and politics.

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Megan Ming Francis is an assistant professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Washington, and is also the field director for History and Political Development at the Washington Institute for the Study of Inequality and Race (WISIR). Francis specializes in the study of American politics, race and the development of constitutional law. She is particularly interested in the construction of rights and citizenship, black political activism and the post-civil war South.

Born and raised in Seattle, WA, she was educated at Garfield High School, Rice University in Houston, and Princeton University where she received her M.A. and her Ph.D. in politics.

She is the author of the multiple award-winning book, “Civil Rights and the Making of the Modern American State” (2014). This book tells the story of how the early campaign against state sanctioned racial violence of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) shaped the modern civil rights movement.

Her research and commentary have been featured on MSNBC, Al-Jazeera, NPR, PBS, Newsweek, the Washington Post, the Seattle Times, and TEDx Talks.

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