



IMPERILED DEMOCRACY:

The Unfinished Promise of
Democracy and the Role of
Racial Justice Centers



Northeastern University
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IMPERILED DEMOCRACY:

FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2023

The Center for Law, Equity and Race (CLEAR) convening of racial justice centers and social justice non-profits using law and legal strategies to challenge and/or defend basic constitutional and human rights will enable discussion of current challenges to the basic constitutional rights of Black and other POC communities, and explore creative strategies for legal academics and advocates to promote, defend and ensure those basic rights through research, innovative pedagogy, litigation and other initiatives.

65 FORSYTH ST., DOCKSER 240 (SECOND FLOOR)

8:00 - 8:45 AM
REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL
BREAKFAST

Lounge Area outside Dockser 240

9:00 - 9:15 AM
WELCOME REMARKS

Deborah A. Jackson, Managing Director, Center for Law, Equity and Race, Northeastern University School of Law
James Hackney, Dean, Northeastern University School of Law

9:15 - 10:15 AM
A CONVERSATION WITH IBRAM X. KENDI

Ibram X. Kendi, Director and Founder, Center for Antiracist Research, Boston University
Katheryn Russell Brown, Levin, Mabie and Levin Professor of Law and Director of the Race and Crime Center for Justice at the University of Florida, Levin College of Law

10:15 - 10:30 AM
BREAK - REFRESHMENTS

Lounge Area outside Dockser 240

THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2023

65 FORSYTH ST., DOCKSER COMMONS (LOWER LEVEL)

6:00 - 7:00 PM
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Deborah A. Jackson, Managing Director, Center for Law, Equity and Race, Northeastern University School of Law

FIRESIDE CHAT: FRAMING THE ISSUES
IN THE FIGHT FOR DEMOCRACY

Rahsaan Hall, '98, President and CEO, Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts
Margaret A. Burnham, Distinguished University Professor of Law; Director, Civil Rights and Restorative Justice Project; Faculty Co-Director, Center for Law, Equity and Race, Northeastern University School of Law

7:00 - 8:30 PM
BUFFET DINNER AND NETWORKING

ABOUT CLEAR

The Center for Law, Equity and Race (CLEAR), established by Northeastern University School of Law in 2021, is an effort to respond to the continuing intractable racial inequalities and disparities that exist nationally as well as globally. The objectives of CLEAR include, but are not limited to, identifying the intersections between historical racial violence and the criminal justice system; and collaborating with other academic and community-based entities to advance the work of racial, social and restorative justice.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2023

10:30 - 11:30 AM

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: CURRENT WORK OF RACIAL JUSTICE CENTERS AND THE WAY FORWARD TO ADVANCE DEMOCRACY

MODERATOR: *Deborah A. Ramirez*, Professor of Law, Faculty Co-Director, CLEAR; Director, Criminal Justice Task Force, Northeastern University School of Law

PANELISTS:

Robert S. Chang, Professor of Law and Executive Director, Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality, Seattle University School of Law

Jason D. Williamson, Executive Director, Center on Race, Inequality, and the Law, NYU School of Law

LaToya Baldwin Clark, Assistant Professor of Law, Critical Race Studies Program, UCLA Law School

Ada Goodly Lampkin, Director, Louis A. Berry Institute for Civil Rights and Justice, Southern University Law Center

Alora Thomas-Lundborg, Strategic Litigation and Advocacy Director, Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race & Justice, Harvard Law School

11:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Q&A

12:00 - 1:00 PM

LUNCH BREAK

Lounge Area outside Dockser 240

1:15 - 2:30 PM

BREAKOUT GROUP 1

Dockser 32 (Lower Level)

FACILITATORS:

Jonathan D. Kahn, Professor of Law and Biology, Northeastern University

Gavin Logan, '10, Privacy and Public Policy Manager (Messenger), Meta

BREAKOUT GROUP 2

Dockser 42 (Lower Level)

FACILITATORS:

Rose Zoltek-Jick, Associate Teaching Professor and Associate Director, Civil Rights and Restorative Justice Project, Northeastern University School of Law

Malcolm Clarke, Elizabeth Zitrin Fellow, Center for Law, Equity and Race, Northeastern University School of Law

2:30 - 2:45 PM

BREAK - REFRESHMENTS

Lounge Area outside Dockser 240

2:45 - 4:00 PM

REPORT BACK FROM BREAKOUT GROUPS AND GROUP DISCUSSION

4:00 - 4:30 PM

CLOSING REMARKS

Deborah Ramirez, Professor of Law, Faculty Co-Director, CLEAR; Director, Criminal Justice Task Force, Northeastern University School of Law

4:30 - 6:00 PM

RECEPTION & NETWORKING


Lounge Area outside Dockser 240

FEATURED SPEAKER DR. IBRAM X. KENDI



DR. IBRAM X. KENDI is the Andrew W. Mellon Professor in the Humanities at Boston University, and the founding director of the Boston University Center for Antiracist Research. He is a contributing writer at *The Atlantic* and a CBS News racial justice contributor.

Dr. Kendi is the author of many highly acclaimed books including *Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America*, which won the National Book Award for Nonfiction, making him the youngest author to win that award. He has also produced five #1 *New York Times* bestsellers, including *How to Be an Antiracist*; *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You*, co-authored with Jason Reynolds; and *Antiracist Baby*, illustrated by Ashley Lukashevsky. In 2020, *Time* magazine named Dr. Kendi one of the 100 Most Influential People in the world. He was awarded a 2021 MacArthur Fellowship, popularly known as the Genius Grant. His latest two books were the instant *New York Times* bestsellers, *How to Raise an Antiracist* and the picture book, *Goodnight Racism*. His latest book, co-authored with Nic Stone, is *How to Be a (Young) Antiracist*.



Thank You.

Conference Planning Committee

Margaret Burnham
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A Very Special Thanks to CLEAR Staff

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