



Building Democracy in the Brick City: How do social policy, law, and institutions shape civic life in Newark?

A panel discussion moderated by Tracey Meares, Yale Law School

It has been nearly two years since the killing of Michael Brown in Ferguson, and Americans across the nation continue to grapple with the complex and troubling relations between people of color and local, state, and federal authorities. In this panel discussion, Newark leaders representing diverse aspects of city government and local communities will discuss what's working, and not working, in the relationship between Newark citizens and their government. The conversation will be wide ranging. Our hope is to foster open dialogue, build bridges, and generate new ideas and insights into the complex relationship between citizens and their government.

The Deconstructing Ferguson Working Group is a multi-disciplinary endeavor that aims to understand one of the key issues of our time: namely, how citizens experience state institutions and how that experience shapes identity, inequality, and membership. Our sponsors include the Justice Collaboratory at Yale Law School, The ISPS Center for the Study of Inequality at Yale University, and the School of Criminal Justice and Graduate School of Education at Rutgers University, with generous support from the MacArthur Foundation.

Our panelists for the evening are:

- Vivian Cox Fraser, President & CEO, Urban League of Essex County
- James E. Johnson, Partner, Debevoise & Plimpton LLP
- Hon. Victoria F. Pratt, P.J.M.C., Newark Municipal Court
- Amina Bey, Executive Director, Newark Workforce Investment Board

May 5th, 2016. 5:30pm to 7pm
Dana Room, Dana Library, 4th Floor
185 University Avenue. Newark, NJ 07102

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