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Rapoport Center Hosts Event, 3/29: "The Role of Law in the Production of Inequality." Shirley E. Thompson (UT AMS), Walter Johnson

Among Speakers by American Studies

The Bernard and Audre Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice will host a major event entitled "The Role of Law in the Production of Inequality: Anthropological and Historical Perspectives" (<https://law.utexas.edu/humanrights/events/law-in-production-of-inequality/>) this Thursday, March 29th from 4 – 7 PM in the Edelman Courtroom (CCJ 2.306) at the University of Texas Law School. Two guest speakers will deliver lectures, followed by responses from members of the UT-Austin, New York University, and Harvard Law School faculties, including Dr. Shirley E. Thompson, Associate Professor of American Studies at UT-Austin.

Dr. Thompson will deliver one of the responses to Dr. Walter Johnson's lecture, "'No Rights Which the White Man is Bound to Respect': The Removalist Strain in American Anti-Blackness." Dr. Johnson is the Winthrop Professor of History and Professor of African and African American Studies at Harvard University. He is the author of *Soul By Soul: Life Inside the Antebellum Trade Market* (2008, Harvard UP) and *River of Dark Dreams: Slavery and Empire in the Cotton Kingdom* (2013 Harvard UP). Dr. Vasuki Nesiah (NYU) will deliver the other response to Dr. Johnson's lecture.

Dr. James Ferguson is the Susan S. and William H. Hindle Professor in the School of Humanities and Sciences, Department of Anthropology, Stanford University. He will deliver the other keynote lecture, entitled "Rightful Shares and the Claims of Presence: Distributive Politics beyond Labor and Citizenship." Dr. Sharmila Rudrappa (UT-Austin), and Dr. Lucie E. White (Harvard Law School), will deliver the two responses to Dr. Ferguson's lecture.

THE ROLE OF LAW IN THE PRODUCTION OF INEQUALITY: ANTHROPOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, March 29, 2018
4-7pm | Edelman Courtroom, Texas Law
Reception to follow

JAMES FERGUSON	WALTER JOHNSON
Susan S. and William H. Hindle Professor in the School of Humanities and Sciences, Department of Anthropology, Stanford University	Winthrop Professor of History & Professor of African and African American Studies, Harvard University
Rightful Shares and the Claims of Presence: Distributive Politics beyond Labor and Citizenship	"No Rights Which the White Man is Bound to Respect": The Removalist Strain in American Anti-Blackness
Respondents: Sharmila Rudrappa Professor of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin Lucie E. White Louis A. Novitz Professor of Law, Harvard Law School	Respondents: Shirley E. Thompson Associate Professor of American Studies, University of Texas at Austin Vasuki Nesiah Associate Professor of Practice, Gallatin School of Individualized Study, New York University

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