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Symposium Schedule

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Race and the Pandemic 2020 Symposium Schedule

Thursday, October 29, 2020

Panel 1: Health Care and Environmental Inequity

COVID-19 is affecting Black, Indigenous, Latinx, and other people of the color the most. One study reports that Black people account for 20% of COVID-19 deaths. This panel will examine some of the causes of the disproportionate effect COVID-19 has had on people of color in health care and the environment including environmental exposures, unequal treatment, and a fragmented public-health system.

Panelists: *Arline T. Geronimus, Seema Mohapatra, Nsedu Obot Witherspoon, Ruqaiijah Yearby*

Moderator: *Prof. Jill Fraley*

Panel 2: Educational Inequity

COVID-19 has impacted the quality of, and access to education. This panel will explore the underlying inequalities stemming from underfunding and lack of educational resources that have intensified during the pandemic for communities of color and families with low incomes.

Panelists: *Preston C. Green III, Vinay Harpalani, Rachel F. Moran, Kimberly Jenkins Robinson*

Moderator: *Prof. Matthew Shaw*

Panel 3: Socioeconomic Inequity

Financial impacts of COVID-19 vary widely by race and ethnicity. This panel will discuss housing, family structures, and the federal government's response to the pandemic. This panel will explore how these subjects have exacerbated already existing inequities, but also how law and policy might be changed to reduce inequities.

Panelists: *Theresa Glennon, Andrew Hammond, Miriam Jorgensen, Etienne C. Toussaint*

Moderator: *Prof. Carliss Chatman*

Friday, October 30, 2020

Panel 4: Inequity in Protecting Civil Liberties

COVID-19 has generated and heightened obstacles to civil liberties, particularly for Black, Indigenous, Latinx, and other people of color. The panelists will assess how the pandemic is affecting civil liberties in the areas of constitutional law and voting, immigration policy, and use of technology in the criminal justice system.

Panelists: *Matthew Boaz, Sean Hill, Elizabeth A. Reese, Rebecca Sharpless*

Moderator: *Prof. Alexandra Klein*

Panel 5: Inequity Within the Criminal Justice System

COVID-19 has affected all aspects of the criminal justice system from prosecuting crimes to trials to sentencing to courtroom procedures and to prisons and prisoner safety. This panel will be a conversation about how COVID-19 has impacted, intensified, and illuminated the existing disparities within the criminal justice system.

Panelists: *Nora V. Demleitner,
Demetria Frank, Jamelia N. Morgan, Maybell Romero*
Moderator: *Prof. Brandon Hasbrouck*

Keynote Address: Justin Hansford—leading scholar, advocate, author, policy advisor, professor, and Executive Director of the Thurgood Marshall Civil Rights Center

Closing Remarks: Dean Brant Hellwig