“On the Block” and from the Ivory Tower: Racial Profiling and Street-Level Drug Enforcement

Many dimensions of urban policing require honest and thoughtful public discourse beyond simplistic explanations commonly used to dismiss alleged police wrongdoing. Aggressive policing strategies contribute to volatile neighborhood environments, profoundly unraveling citizen trust and exacerbating unfairness in the criminal justice system. Examinations of contemporary policing are becoming increasingly polarized, unjustly characterizing meaningful critiques of misguided crime-control strategies as unpatriotic and anti-law enforcement. Dr. Brunson offers a nuanced analysis of Black citizen-police experiences that humanizes both parties, which is a dimension sorely missing from most contemporary discussions of tenuous police-minority citizen relations.

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UAlbany Downtown Campus, 135 Western Avenue

This event is free and open to the public.

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