



UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH  
School of Social Work

Center on  
**Race &  
Social  
Problems**

Buchanan Ingersoll and Rooney PC

## Fall 2017 Speaker Series

All lectures are from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the School of Social Work Conference Center, 2017 Cathedral of Learning.

Registration is not required. For more information, please visit [crsp.pitt.edu](http://crsp.pitt.edu) or call 412-624-7382.

Admission as always is free and lunch is provided. However, we invite you to bring a nonperishable item to help support local communities that are in need.

*The law firm Buchanan Ingersoll and Rooney PC has generously sponsored this speaker series.*



### Tuesday, September 26 “Toxic Inequality”

*Tom Shapiro*, Pokross Professor of Law and Social Policy and Director, Institute on Assets and Social Policy, Brandeis University



### Wednesday, October 25 “Parental Human Capital, Low-skilled Jobs, and Racial Disparities in Child Poverty in Immigrant Families”

*Kevin Thomas*, Associate Professor of Sociology, Demography, and African Studies, Pennsylvania State University



### Thursday, November 2 “Navigating School Inequality: How Parents Pursue Magnet School Admissions”

*Littisha Bates*, Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Cincinnati



### Thursday, December 7 “Race and Family Dynamics”

*Karen Guzzo*, Associate Professor of Sociology, Bowling Green State University

*“The problem of the 20th century  
is the problem of the color line.”*

— W.E.B. DuBois, author, 1903

Although progress has been made since these words were spoken more than 100 years ago, America’s race-related problems remain with us in the 21st century. Race and ethnicity matter in virtually all aspects of our society and are likely to increase in importance. Currently, persons of color make up 36 percent of the U.S. population, and by 2050, this portion will increase to 50 percent. This shift will have a profound effect on the social, psychological, and economic lives of all members of our society.

The mission of the Center on Race and Social Problems (CRSP) is to conduct applied social science research on race, color, and ethnicity and their influence on the quality of life of all Americans. The University of Pittsburgh established CRSP in 2002 to help lead America further along the path to social justice by conducting research, mentoring emerging scholars, and disseminating knowledge. CRSP is multidisciplinary in its approach and multiracial in its focus and was the first race-related research center to be housed in a school of social work.

*This lecture series provides an opportunity for faculty, students, and community members to engage in race-related discussions of mutual interest.*

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