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18th Annual Civil Rights Celebration

Featuring Keynote Speaker

Lester Spence

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1:00 - 3:00 pm

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Lester Spence is an Associate Professor of Political Science and Africana Studies at **Johns Hopkins University**. He specializes in the study of black, racial, and urban politics in the wake of the neoliberal turn. An award winning scholar (in 2013 he received the W.E.B. DuBois Distinguished Book Award for his book *Stare in the Darkness: The Limits of Hip-hop and Black Politics*) and teacher (in 2009 he received an Excellence in Teaching Award), he can regularly be heard on National Public Radio and the Marc Steiner Show. A proud native of the Detroit area and a die-hard Wolverine, he is also a father of five. We live in challenging times. Lester's goal in both research and teaching is to help make them less so.

Over the past decade, Spence published articles on American institutional legitimacy in the wake of the contentious 2000 Presidential election, about the effects of long-term black political empowerment on black participation, about the role of media narratives on black attitudes about HIV/AIDS, and about the determinants of support for black nationalism, among others. But he's become particularly interested in black politics in the wake of the neoliberal turn. His second book *Knocking the Hustle: Against the Neoliberal Turn in Black Politics*, represents a sequel of sorts.

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Enjoy a light lunch after the talk and Q&A.

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