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Subject: First EPA EJ and Systemic Racism Speaker Series to Feature The Mapping Inequality Project

Colleagues

The announcement for the EPA Environmental Justice and Systemic Racism Speaker Series, now public facing, went out on the EJ Listserv this morning. Please share with your colleagues.

Thanks

Charles

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is launching the Environmental Justice (EJ) and Systemic Racism Speaker Series by featuring [The Mapping Inequality Project](#) on March 4, 2021 at 1:00-2:00 pm EST. This unique collaboration created a foundational resource for unprecedented research, education, organizing, and policy advocacy on redlining and current environmental challenges. It provides publicly accessible digitized versions of redlining maps for about 200 cities. This has already generated an explosion of trailblazing work in the area of EJ and systemic racism. Project co-founders Robert Nelson, University of Richmond, and LaDale Winling, Virginia Tech, will discuss the genesis, philosophy, methodology, and impact of this game changing project. [REGISTER NOW!](#) Please share with colleagues and networks.

The objectives of this speaker series are:

- Provide information on groundbreaking, cutting-edge work in science, policy and practice to strengthen the evidentiary link between historical inequities and current environmental conditions;
- Inspire leaders and staff in communities, academia, business and industry, and civil society to think about how systemic racism relates to their own work by hearing from leading national policy experts, researchers and practitioners;
- Align government leaders and staff with the leading work taking place in this area and create a cohesive environment for fruitful partnerships; and
- Create intellectual ferment about dealing with systemic racism in a rigorous manner so that EPA and other environmental agencies can overcome their historical aversion to talking about race and systemic racism.

We begin this series with a set of five sessions that thoroughly examines the relationship of redlining and current environmental disparities. A recent National Center for Civil and Human Rights webinar on [EJ, redlining and the climate crisis](#) provides a good overview of this subject. Future topics will include: Title VI and civil rights program, EJ research and analysis, rural inequities, and others. Suggestions are welcomed. Registration information for each session forthcoming.