

“Conservatism in the Crucible of Local Politics: How Residential Segregation Polarizes Politics”

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The consequences of segregation on individuals' life chances are well known. Segregation increases inequality on many different socio-economic dimensions. In this presentation, Professor Trounstone argues that segregation has powerful political consequences as well. She contends that segregation increases divisions in both public opinion and voting behavior. She shows that the integration of public spaces and residential areas encouraged whites to move to homogeneous, largely suburban communities during the postwar period. Then, she shows that residents who live in these types of neighborhoods are more conservative today than those who live in places that were more integrated. She argues that local battles over integration significantly contributed to the development of American conservatism.

Dr. Jessica Trounstone studies American politics with a focus on sub-national politics, primarily concentrating on large cities. Her work studies the process and quality of representation. She is particularly interested in how political institutions enhance or limit the ability of residents to achieve responsive government. Trounstone takes a mixed method approach to her scholarship including using historical analysis, qualitative data and quantitative methods.

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