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Matthew Desmond

Pulitzer Prize Winning Author of

EVICTED

Poverty and Profit in the American City

Thursday, November 14, 2019

7:30 pm

Page Hall, University at Albany

Join author Matthew Desmond for an informative lecture and discussion on his award winning book, *Evicted*. Based on years of embedded fieldwork and painstakingly gathered data, this masterful book transforms our understanding of extreme poverty and economic exploitation while providing fresh ideas for solving a devastating, uniquely American problem. Its unforgettable scenes of hope and loss remind us of the centrality of home, without which nothing else is possible. This book and event will empower you with information to help change the conversation in our Capital Region community.



About the Author Matthew Desmond is a professor of sociology at Princeton University. After receiving his Ph.D. in 2010 from the University of Wisconsin at Madison, he joined the Harvard Society of Fellows as a Junior Fellow. The principal investigator of The Eviction Lab, Desmond's research focuses on poverty in America, city life, housing insecurity, public policy, racial inequality, and ethnography. He is the recipient of a MacArthur "Genius" Fellowship, the American Bar Association's Silver Gavel Award, and the William Julius Wilson Early Career Award. A contributing writer for the *New York Times Magazine*, Desmond was listed in 2016 among the Politico 50, as one of "fifty people across the country who are most influencing the national political debate."

Even in the most desolate areas of American cities, evictions used to be rare. But today, most poor renting families are spending more than half of their income on housing, and eviction has become ordinary, especially for single mothers - like Taffney.

Taffney is a single parent working full-time with New York State and a full-time student at Saint Rose. She was evicted from her apartment in 2017 because she reported her landlord to Code Enforcement. She was spending over \$1000 on rent to have an apartment with bathroom issues, leaks, cracks, and broken locks. She was nervous about where she was going to live and moving during the semester. Luckily, she got the help she needed and moved into a new place. Unfortunately, many other local families don't get the support they need.

The event is free and open to the public, however, registration is required. To register for the event, please visit www.cfgr.org/evicted. Also, you can find more information such as reading guides, status updates of regional data Capital Region, and organizations supporting those in poverty. Guest speakers are available to come speak to your classes leading up to the event.

Changing the Conversation is a community partnership among Catholics Charities, City Mission, the Community Foundation and Unity House. Our goals are to educate and raise awareness about relevant community issues and inspire changemakers to take action. For more information on how you can be involved and support us, call 518-446-9638.

