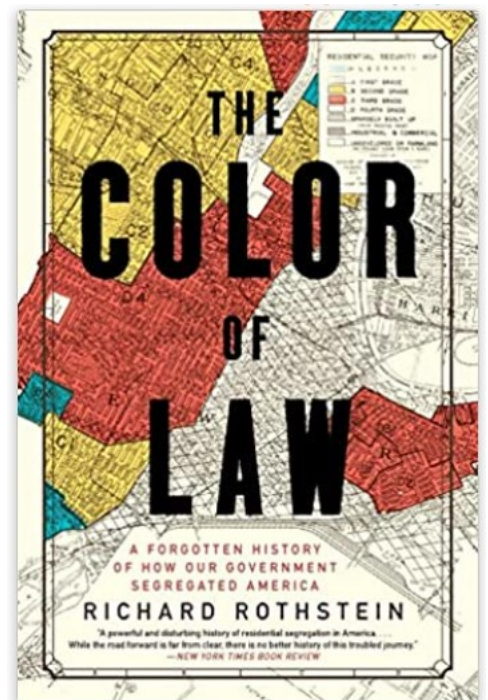


Widener Community Reading Group

This reading group is open to all Widener faculty, staff, & students and is a forum for discussion and intergroup dialogue, with the goal of improving our individual understanding of cultures, identities, histories, and communities. We hope that this increased interpersonal and community awareness will help in building and supporting an inclusive campus culture.

The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America

by Richard Rothstein



“Exploding the myth of de facto segregation arising from private prejudice or the unintended consequences of economic forces, Rothstein describes how the American government systematically imposed residential segregation: with undisguised racial zoning; public housing that purposefully segregated previously mixed communities; subsidies for builders to create whites-only suburbs; tax exemptions for institutions that enforced segregation; and support for violent resistance to African Americans in white neighborhoods. A groundbreaking, “virtually indispensable” study that has already transformed our understanding of twentieth-century urban history (*Chicago Daily Observer*), *The Color of Law* forces us to face the obligation to remedy our unconstitutional past.”

Discussions will be held via Zoom:

October 14, 2021 3:00—4:00 pm EST

November 11, 2021 4:30– 5:30 pm EST

Please RSVP to mmwolf@widener.edu to receive the link

Although the discussion is informal and inclusive, the meeting is planned and facilitated by **Molly Wolf, Librarian, & Kate Goodrich, Associate Professor of Biology.**