



Sociology Department

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# Spring 2018 Speaker Series



Professor Corey Fields' research explores the role of identity—at both the individual and collective level—in structuring social life, and contributes to the ongoing analysis of the relationship between identity, experience, and culture. In his talk “Black Elephants in the Room: African American Republicans and the Management of White Skepticism”, Professor Fields suggests that, generally, conversations about African American Republicans are dominated by the challenge their conservative partisanship poses to their racial authenticity. Less considered, but equally important, is the difficulty of managing white Republicans' ideological concerns. This talk explores two strategies African American Republicans use to align blackness and Republican-ness in the face of white skepticism: color blindness and race consciousness. Though both approaches reconcile black identity and Republican partisanship, adoption of the color blind strategy is associated with positive relations with white Republicans and greater access to GOP resources .

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**12:30 pm**

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