



# Institutional Regimes Governing Genetic Resources

THURSDAY, MAY 3 | 12 p.m. | KERWIN HALL 301

How are the genetic resources used in biotechnology governed and regulated? Drawing on in-depth case studies, this talk will discuss how material and digital genetic resources are governed, with particular focus on Access and Benefit Sharing. Based on Institutional Resource Regime, which combines public policy analysis and institutional economics of property rights, the talk compares and contrasts different cases of biotechnological utilization of such resources and how they are regulated.



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Returning from War

# Effect of Combat on Veterans' Economic Transitions



**March 22, 12 p.m., American University, Kerwin Hall 301**



**Joseph Sabia,**  
Professor of Economics  
San Diego State University

Join Professor Joseph Sabia as he talks about the first study to estimate the impact of post-9/11 combat deployments on the economic transitions of separating veterans. Findings show that combat deployments increase subsequent reliance on the Unemployment Compensation for Separating Veterans (UCX) and Veteran Disability Compensation (VDC) programs. Research also suggests that unit-level combat exposure is associated with a reduction in the probability of Post-9/11 GI Bill take-up and diminished educational attainment.



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# The American University Symposium on the Northern Ireland Peace Process, 20 Years On

**April 20 | 10a.m. - 7p.m. | AU, Kerwin Hall 301**

This day-long symposium marks the 20th anniversary of sustained peace in Northern Ireland following decades of violent conflict. Attendees will hear from panelists about the peace process itself, the accomplishments since, and challenges moving forward, including the implications of Brexit. Guest speakers include academics, practitioners, and diplomats who participated in the peace process. Presented by American University's School of Public Affairs and School of International Service, Queen's University Belfast, University of Ulster, and Northern Ireland Bureau, and in partnership with the Irish Network-DC and American University's School of Communication.

**Register: <https://american.swoogo.com/northireland>**

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# EQUAL PROTECTION

**GOVT-455**

FALL 2018 SEMESTER

Professor Gregg Ivers

*Brown v. Board of Education* (1954) holds the unique distinction of being both the most famous Supreme Court decision since *Marbury v. Madison* (1803) and the most well-known to the American public. In striking down state-sponsored racial segregation in public education, a unanimous Supreme Court pierced the legal architecture of American apartheid where it would have the most profound impact. But *Brown* did not emerge overnight; it was the product of an almost twenty-year litigation campaign by the NAACP Legal Defense Fund to dismantle "separate but equal" interpretation of the Fourteenth Amendment. And it was not without controversy, as an idea, as a decision and then in the struggle to implement the ruling. This course will focus solely on *Brown*, beginning with a review of the history of African American education in the United States; the formalization Jim Crow; how discrimination in housing and employment affected access to education; the complex relationship of the NAACP with other civil rights organizations; the evolving role of the federal government in race law litigation; and how *Brown* continues to affect contemporary dialogue on civil rights beyond education.



# How Far Is Too Far?

## New Evidence on Abortion Clinic Closures, Access, and Abortions

THURSDAY, APRIL 19 | 12 p.m. | KERWIN HALL 301

Join us as Jason Lindo, Associate Professor at Texas A&M University, presents his research on the effects of abortion-clinic closures on clinic access and abortions. The evidence is based on Texas' recent history, and on the consequences of Texas HB2 in particular, a controversial law that shuttered nearly half of Texas' abortion clinics in late 2013 before two of its key provisions were deemed unconstitutional by the US Supreme Court in 2016. The results suggest large and statistically significant impacts on abortion rates driven in part by increased distance from abortion clinics and in part by increased waiting times at clinics.



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**Jason Lindo**  
Associate Professor  
Texas A&M University

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# JUSTICE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

April 4, 3 p.m.  
American University, SIS Founders Room

## A Conversation with Darren Walker

A half-century after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the fight for justice, democracy, and an economy that benefits all remains as important as it was in 1968. Without a true champion, how do we work toward those ends? Join us for a discussion of the roles universities and philanthropic foundations play in advancing the causes of justice, democracy, and human dignity at a time when national governments are falling short.



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