Rutgers University—Newark welcomes Richard Rothstein to discuss, *The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America*, on Tuesday, October 12 at 4:00 p.m.

*The Color of Law* has just been designated one of ten finalists on the National Book Awards’ long list for the best nonfiction book of 2017.

In this groundbreaking history of the modern American metropolis, Richard Rothstein explodes the myth that America’s cities came to be racially divided as the result of individual prejudices, personal choices to live in same-race neighborhoods, income differences, or the actions of private institutions like banks and real estate agencies. Rather, *The Color of Law* uncovers a forgotten history of how racially explicit policies of federal, state, and local
governments created the patterns of residential segregation that persist to this day. *The Color of Law* concludes that because residential segregation was created by government action in violation of the constitution, we are obligated to remedy it.

Harvard sociologist William Julius Wilson says “Rothstein has presented what I consider to be the most forceful argument ever published on how federal, state and local governments gave rise to and reinforced neighborhood segregation.”

*The New York Times Book Review* says, “While the road forward is far from clear, there is no better history of this troubled journey than 'The Color of Law'.”

Richard Rothstein is a research associate of the Economic Policy Institute, a fellow at the Thurgood Marshall Institute of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, and is a Senior Fellow at the Haas Institute for a Fair and Inclusive Society at UC Berkeley.

This event is free and open to the public, and refreshments will be served. You may share this invitation with others.

**Thursday, October 12, 2017**

4:00 p.m.

**Rutgers University**
Honors College Esterly Lounge
2nd Floor, Engelhard Hall
190 University Avenue,
Newark, NJ, 07102

For more information or to purchase the book, please go here.