

Save the Date:

September 26, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

Lecture:

An Evening with Michelle Alexander

“She is a powerful writer, a fierce advocate for a more just world and a deep believer in open-minded, searching debate over how to achieve it.”

Michelle Alexander is a legal scholar, social justice advocate, New York Times columnist and visiting professor at Union Theological Seminary. Her work explores the myths surrounding our criminal justice system from a racial and ethical standpoint, and offers solutions to problems stemming from these concerns.

Her New York Times and Washington Post best-selling book, *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*, published in 2010. In the book, Alexander peels back the curtain on systemic racism in the American prison system. The New York Review of Books described the book as “striking in the intelligence of her ideas, her powers of summary, and the force of her writing.” Alexander shows that, by targeting black men through the War on Drugs and decimating communities of color, the U.S. criminal justice system functions as a contemporary system of racial control, even as it formally adheres to the principle of colorblindness.

Before joining the Union Theological Seminary, Alexander served as director of the Racial Justice Project at the ACLU of Northern California. She also directed the Civil Rights Clinic at Stanford Law School and served as a law clerk at the U.S. Supreme Court and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit.