**Graduate Student Group Discussion**

with CSDE Seminar Series Speaker Colid Gordon, Ph.D.,

Professor, University of Iowa

**WHEN:** Friday, May 3rd, 2024, 1:30–2:30 pm PST

**WHERE:** Raitt 221

**RSVP:** to Isaiah Wright (iwrig@uw.edu) to join the student discussion

Please join the **Graduate Student Group Discussion** with [**Dr. Colin Gordon**](https://colin-gordon.sites.uiowa.edu/about-me)after his CSDE seminar on May 3rd, titled “Patchwork Apartheid: Private Restriction, Racial Segregation, and Urban Inequality.” Drawing on a unique record of property restrictions excavated from local property records in five Midwestern counties, this research documents the prevalence of private property restriction in the era before zoning and building codes were widely employed and before federal redlining sanctioned the segregation of American cities and suburbs. This record of private restriction—documented and mapped to the parcel level in Greater Minneapolis, Greater St. Louis, and two Iowa counties—reveals the racial segregation process both on the ground, in the strategic deployment of restrictions throughout transitional central city neighborhoods and suburbs, and in the broader social and legal construction of racial categories and racial boundaries. Enforcement of private racial restrictions was held unconstitutional in 1948, and such agreements were prohibited outright in 1968. But their premises and assumptions, and the segregation they had accomplished, were carried forward by an array of private practices and public policies—including local zoning and federal redlining. Private race restriction was thus a key element in the original segregation of American cities and a source of durable inequalities in housing wealth, housing opportunity, and economic mobility.

[**Click here for more information and to register**](https://csde.washington.edu/seminar/patchwork-apartheid-private-restriction-racial-segregation-and-urban-inequality/)

**After the seminar**, Evans PhD student Isaiah Wright will facilitate a graduate student discussion with Dr.Gordon. Students can discuss research collaborations, professional development, academic publishing, and interdisciplinary research, among other topics.



**Dr. Colin Gordon** is Professor and Chair of History at the University of Iowa, where he has taught since 1994. He is the author of Patchwork Apartheid: Private Restriction, Racial Segregation, and Urban Inequality (Russell Sage Foundation, 2023), Citizen Brown: Race, Democracy, and Inequality in the St. Louis Suburbs (University of Chicago Press, 2019); Mapping Decline: St. Louis and the Fate of the American City (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2008); Dead on Arrival: The Politics of Health in Twentieth-Century America (Princeton University Press, 2003), and New Deals: Business, Labor and Politics, 1920-1935 (Cambridge University Press, 1994). His recent research support includes a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2021-22), a visiting scholar fellowship at the Russell Sage Foundation (2022-23), and (with co-PI Ashley Howard) a Mellon Foundation Higher Learning Grant (2023-26). He received his PhD from the University of Wisconsin in 1990.



**Isaiah Wright**, the moderator of the graduate student group discussion post-seminar meeting, is a PhD student in the Evans School of Public Policy and Governance. He is interested in social mobility and non-profit issues and collaborates with the Evans Policy Innovation Collaborative (EPIC) on Washington State Ballots.