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SECURITY, SEGREGATION, AND THE CULTURE OF FEAR

LECTURE BY

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Professor Low will provide a revealing account of life inside suburban fortresses that explains why many in America seek heightened security, fear diversity, and strive to hold on to "Pleasantville" like notions of community.

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