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## March 15 talk at SUNY New Paltz examines link between voting, prison

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NEW PALTZ, N.Y. >> The Benjamin Center at SUNY New Paltz will host a lecture on “Voting Behavior and Punitive Policies” by Ariel White, assistant professor of political science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, at 5 p.m. Thursday, March 15, in Lecture Center 102.

White will discuss her research into two trends that at first glance seem unrelated: U.S. incarceration rates that are among the highest of any developed nation, and disaffection from government leading to low voter participation.

White will discuss how potential voters are affected by experiences with punitive government policies, such as incarceration and immigration enforcement. She will also present findings from studies of Latino voters affected by deportation practices, African-Americans caught up in the criminal justice system at higher percentages than the overall populations, and on families of the incarcerated.

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