



Western

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**Winter Colloquium
Series 2020**

Dr. Patrick Denice



Patrick Denice is an assistant professor of sociology at the University of Western Ontario. He studies inequality in education and the labor market. Some of his current work examines patterns of racial segregation in public schools, the pathways students take to and through postsecondary education, and the workplace institutions and practices that shape workers' wages. He earned his PhD in sociology from the University of Washington, and completed a postdoctoral fellowship at Washington University in St. Louis before coming to Western in 2018.

“Spatial Mismatch, Segregation, and the Enrollment of Black and White Students in Charter Schools”

How does racial/ethnic segregation shape enrollment in public charter schools across U.S. cities? Does the relationship differ for black and white students?

Dr. Denice applies the concept of spatial mismatch to understand how the geographic distribution of schools and students relates to the enrollment of black and white students in charter schools. Drawing on city-level data, it is found that charter school enrollment among black students is positively related to spatial mismatch. There is no such relationship for white students, who are more likely to enroll in charter schools when school segregation is relatively low – that is, when they would be more likely to attend district schools with black children.

Thursday, January 30, 2020

4:00 pm, SSC 6210

Refreshments at 3:30pm in SSC 6256

All Welcome!

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