

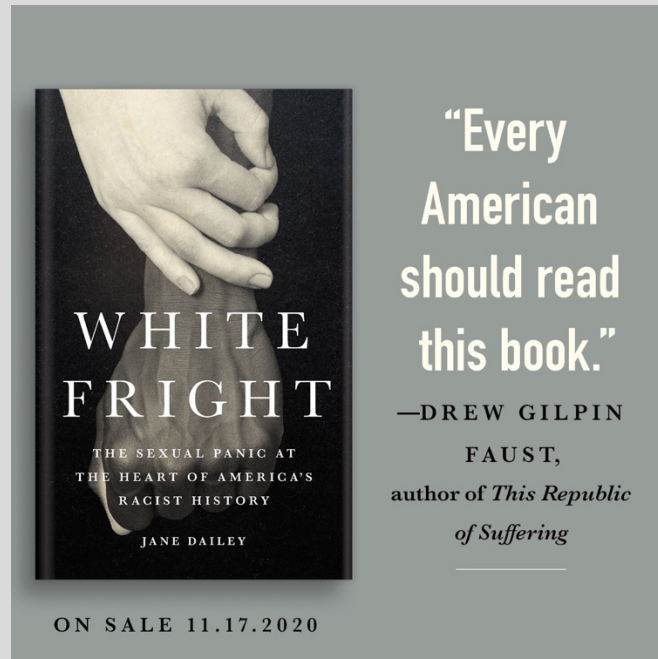


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**Winter Colloquium
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Jane Dailey received an AB from Yale University in 1987 and a PhD in history from Princeton University in 1995. She is an associate professor in the Department of History for the College and the Law School at the University of Chicago. Her research and teaching focuses on U.S. history since the Civil War with an emphasis on the post-emancipation South and the political and legal history of civil rights. She is the author of many books associated with Jim Crow. The recipient of fellowships from the American Council of Learned Societies, the American Academy in Berlin and the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, Dailey is studying a broad history of the United States from 1877 to the present. In her recently published book, Dailey reframes our understanding of the long struggle for African American rights.

“White Fright: Sex, Race and the African American Freedom Struggle.”

This book examines how white anxiety about interracial sex and marriage found expression in some of the most contentious episodes of American history since Reconstruction: in battles over lynching, in the policing of black troops' behaviour overseas during World War II, in the violent outbursts following the Supreme Court's decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*, and in the tragic story of Emmett Till. The question was finally settled, as a legal matter, with the Court's definitive 1967 decision in *Loving v. Virginia*, which declared interracial marriage a fundamental freedom. Placing sex at the center of American civil rights history, *White Fright* offers a bold new take on one of the most confounding threads running through American history.

**Thursday, January 14, 2021
4:00 pm, Virtual Zoom Event
All Welcome!**

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