

SUMMER & FALL 2021

GREATER BOSTON DEBATE SERIES

SCHEDULE

More than ever, state and local governments have a critical role in shaping laws and policies that directly impact communities and residents. This past year, the ability and responsibility of state and local governments to address emergent needs have risen to the forefront. From economic devastation to racial justice movements, state and local governments maintain a unique role in achieving and sustaining progress on a long-term basis. How do we ensure equitable policies and laws for all our residents? Join us to engage in productive and possibly messy dialogues about how to affect change on issues such as criminal justice reform, transportation, housing, and education.

The Rappaport Center for Law and Public Policy at Boston College Law School and the Rappaport Institute for Greater Boston at Harvard Kennedy School enrich the Greater Boston communities by galvanizing the region's scholars, students, policymakers, and thought leaders to engage in dynamic conversations and research on critical public policy issues. Recognizing that communities consist of diverse residents and perspectives, problems and solutions need to be addressed in a multi-dimensional way. The Center and Institute are launching an annual debate series this summer that will create a forum for meaningful dialogues.

SUMMER 2021

TUE. May 25 | 5-6 PM

Criminal Justice: Should Qualified Immunity for Police Be Redefined?

WED. June 23 | 4-5 PM

Transportation: Can (and Should) Public Transit Be Free?

FALL 2021

Housing: Can Rent Control Benefit Both Landlords and Tenants?

Education: Elected or Appointed School Boards?



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