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Best-Selling Authors Asch and Musgrove to Launch New Historical Society Conversation Series

The Historical Society of Washington, D.C. announces the first in a series of free online conversations with eminent scholars designed to offer historical context to the issues and events that shape our city.

“Race and Reform: Police Brutality in DC and Its Consequences”

An Online Conversation Presented by the Historical Society of Washington, D.C.

Tuesday, June 16 at 7:30 pm

Register for the free event at <https://bit.ly/3cNm9uH>

As Washingtonians, how do we—in the context of our city’s history—understand the murder of George Floyd and the ensuing nationwide protests? DC has pushed back against police brutality before, yet little seems to change. Why does this keep happening, and is meaningful police reform even possible?

These are some of the timely questions historians Chris Myers Asch and George Derek Musgrove, authors of the acclaimed *Chocolate City: A History of Race and Democracy in the Nation’s Capital*, will tackle together. Their online conversation will help us grapple with the events that have prompted thousands to fill our streets with sadness, anger, and protest.

The online conversation is part of a set of resources and programs designed to bring historical context to the most pressing issues of our time. It also fulfills our commitment to support equity for Americans of color and to facilitate social change.

Chris Myers Asch teaches history at Colby College and runs the non-profit Capital Area New Mainers Project. He is a past editor of *Washington History: Magazine of the Historical Society of Washington, D.C.* George Derek Musgrove is associate professor of history at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County and a member of the *Washington History* Editorial Board.

Register at <https://bit.ly/3cNm9uH> to receive your link to the free event. If you are able, please consider making a donation of \$20 per person to support this program and others like it.

COMING UP: Thursday, June 25, 7:30 pm: “The Most Important City: How the Federal Government Segregated Its Workforce,” a discussion of early 20th-century institutional racism and efforts to combat it. Eric S. Yellin, associate professor of history at University of Richmond and author of *Racism in the Nation’s Service*, and Anacostia Community Museum Senior Curator Samir Meghelli will consider Washington’s segregation with implications for the city of today.

ABOUT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Historical Society of Washington, D.C., is a non-profit, 501(c)(3), community-supported educational and research organization that collects, interprets, and shares the history of our nation’s capital in order to promote a sense of identity, place and pride in our city and preserve its heritage for future generations. Founded in 1894, the Historical Society serves a diverse audience through its collections, public programs, exhibitions, and publications. Currently its home at the DC History Center is closed due to the pandemic. To stay in touch, please sign up for our regular newsletter at <https://bit.ly/2XyVluu> and follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram (@dchistory). ###