



# “Confronting Implicit Bias, Racial Anxiety, and Stereotype Threat in Law Schools”

LECTURER:

## Rachel Godsil

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**RACHEL GODSIL's** teaching and research interests include civil rights, constitutional law, property, land use, environmental justice, and education. She is a co-founder and director of research for the Perception Institute, a national consortium of social scientists, law professors, and advocates focusing on the role of the mind sciences in law, policy,

and institutional practices. She collaborates with social scientists on empirical research to identify the efficacy of interventions to address implicit bias and racial

anxiety. She regularly provides trainings and lectures to a wide range of private and public institutions seeking to address the role of bias and anxiety associated with race, ethnicity, religion, and gender and provided trainings on implicit bias to state judges across the country on behalf of the National Association of State Judges. Godsil is a lead author of the report: “The Science of Equality Volume 1: Addressing Implicit Bias, Racial Anxiety, and Stereotype Threat in Education and Healthcare” (2014) and A Tale of Two Neighborhoods: Implicit Bias in Environmental Decision-Making, in *Implicit Racial Bias in the Law* (Cambridge University Press 2011).

Professor Godsil also co-authored amicus briefs on behalf of empirical social psychologists in *Fisher v. Texas* and the National Parent Teacher Association in the *Parents Involved in Community Schools v. Seattle School*

District litigation at the Supreme Court. She is the co-editor of *Awakening From the Dream: Civil Rights Under Siege and the New Struggle for Equal Justice* (Carolina Academic Press, 2005).

Her recent property work focuses on gentrification, the mortgage crisis and eminent domain, as well as the intersection of race, poverty, and land use decisions. In 2014, Godsil was appointed Chair of the New York City Rent Guidelines Board by Mayor Bill de Blasio. After serving as the convener for the Obama campaign’s Urban and Metropolitan Policy Committee and an advisor to the Department of Housing and Urban Development transition team, Professor Godsil co-directed a report to HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan entitled “Retooling HUD for a Catalytic Federal Government.”