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Toxic Transactions: How Land Installment Contracts Once
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Minding the Gap: Using the New Racial Wealth Audit to Measure the Impact of State and National Policies on the Racial Wealth Gap

Presenters: Thomas Shapiro (Director, Institute on Assets and Social Policy, The Heller School, Brandies University) and Amy Traub (Senior Policy Analyst, DEMOS) Historical discrimination and the financial devastation of the Great Recession has led to extreme wealth inequality and a widening [...]

Discrimination in the Manufactured Housing Industry: An Inside Look at Abusive Lending and Collection Practices by the Nation’s Largest Mobile Home Company

A recent article by the Seattle Times and Buzzfeed News has exposed discriminatory practices by the nation’s largest manufactured housing company, Clayton Homes and its lending subsidiaries Vanderbilt Mortgage and 21st Mortgage. The article alleges that borrowers of color [...]

The Color of Debt: Racial Disparity in Debt Collection Lawsuits

Recently, ProPublica published, "The Color of Debt", a first-of-its-kind analysis that showed that debt collection lawsuits are far more common in black communities than white ones. This webinar will cover the details of ProPublica's analysis of court data, explore [...]

Helping Elders and Communities of Color to Pay for Voice and Internet Service: An Overview of the Federal Lifeline Program

Come and learn about the federal Lifeline program, which was established to ensure that low-income households are connected to the modern communication network. Learn about the importance of this program for elders and communities of color as the program, [...]

The Role of Broadband in Rebuilding Wealth and Economic Opportunity in Communities of Color

If the new information networks are the new economy, how are communities of color accessing broadband? What is the role of broadband in addressing equality issues such as entrepreneurial opportunities, employment, education, healthcare, media content and democracy? What does [...]