



Critical Race Theory (CRT)

(a moderated panel discussion)



When: Thursday, April 7, 2022 **Time:** 10:30AM to 12:00Noon

Host and Moderator
Dewey Lee, CLS Member and Secretary

Panelists
Jonathan Butcher, Will Skillman Fellow in Education at the Heritage Foundation
Brian Robinson, CEO of Equitable Future, Inc.

The purpose and goal of this event is to foster and promote discussion on the topic of Critical Race Theory. The views and opinions expressed during this event are not a reflection of the views and opinions of the CLS organization.

Panelist Biographies

Jonathan Butcher is the Will Skillman Fellow in Education at The Heritage Foundation. He has researched and testified on education policy around the U.S. He is currently writing a book on critical race theory in schools and America's national identity. Jonathan co-edited and wrote chapters in the book *The Not-So-Great Society*, which provides conservative solutions to the problems created by the ever-expanding federal footprint in preschool, K-12, and higher education. He has appeared on local and national TV outlets, including C-SPAN, Fox News, and HBO's *Vice News Tonight*, and he has been a guest on many radio programs. His commentary has appeared nationally in places such as the *Wall Street Journal*, *Education Week*, *National Review Online*, *Newsweek.com*, and *Forbes.com*, along with newspapers around the country. Jonathan holds a B.A. in English from Furman University and an M.A. in economics from the University of Arkansas.

Brian Robinson is CEO of Equitable Future, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit based in Poughkeepsie, NY. In this role, Brian researches the mechanisms and effects of bias, prejudice, and discrimination on a national, state, and local level, including within the microcosm that is the greater Poughkeepsie community and Dutchess county. In his capacity as an advocate for protected classes, Brian has written civil rights legislation that has been introduced into the New York State legislature and the City of Poughkeepsie. Additionally, he serves on boards and committees for numerous organizations, including the Poughkeepsie Community Action Collaborative, the Race Unity Circle, the Northern Dutchess NAACP, the End the New Jim Crow Action Network, the Vassar College Anti-Racism, Equity, and Justice Organizing Team, and the Vassar-Warner Home Foundation.

Event Recording Information

This session will be recorded and the link will be posted to the CLS Special Events webpage
