



Blind Injustice: Wrongful Convictions and Criminal Justice Reform

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12:30 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. (Eastern time)

Rutgers Law School | 123 Washington St., Newark, NJ | and Zoom Webinar

Join us for a lunchtime event exploring the human cost of wrongful convictions and the need for criminal justice reform. The program features Mark Godsey, law professor, former federal prosecutor, and author of *Blind Injustice*, alongside Nancy Smith, an Ohio Innocence Project exoneree who spent nearly 15 years wrongfully imprisoned. This event offers a rare opportunity to hear firsthand how systemic flaws can devastate lives, and how resilience and advocacy can lead to justice.

Co-sponsored by the New Jersey Innocence Project at Rutgers University, and Rutgers Law School's Center on Criminal Justice, Youth Rights, and Race, and Institute for Professional Education.

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