March 19, 2020

Conversations About Justice Series: (Mis)Representation: On Prison - Based Gerrymandering in the 21st Century

Time: 12:00pm - 1:15pm
Location: Gittis 214

Should one’s incarcerated status terminate their right to vote in elections that impact their own communities? Prison-based gerrymandering is a common practice whereby the Census Bureau counts incarcerated persons as resident of the areas in which prisons are located (as opposed to their own communities) for redistricting purposes. The result is that incarcerated persons provide additional voting power to the communities surrounding prisons, while losing the ability to vote for legislators who will actually be accountable to them. In facilitating this imbalance of electoral power, critics argue that the practice violates the longstanding Constitutional principle of “one person, one vote”.

This panel discussion will explore topics such as the history of prison based gerrymandering, its geographical and racial implications, its impact on local policy making, and successful litigation strategies used through the country to eliminate this practice.

Lunch will be available to those who RSVP

This panel is a part of the Conversations about Justice Series sponsored by the Toll Public Interest Center.

Register for this event

# Attendees:

First name:

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