

Distinguished Faculty Lecture Series



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***“The Limits of Marriage:
Why Getting Everyone
Married Won’t Solve All
Our Problems.”***

The marriage rate in America has been declining steeply since about 1970. Our public discourse on the subject, and some scholarship, treats this as a cultural problem that we can fix with educational campaigns about the value of marriage. The evidence, however, shows that marriage is declining almost exclusively among the poor, and that marriage among the “truly disadvantaged” may actually be a very bad idea. We can’t solve the problem of poverty by convincing poor people to behave as if they are middle-class.



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4:00-5:00 p.m.

**Bowen-Thompson
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Theater Room 206

**Admission is free and open
to the public.**

**A reception will follow the
lecture.**