

Before the Badge: A Panel Discussion on Police Training and Violence



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WEDNESDAY
10 SEPT 2025



Kachina Room, 3rd Floor
Student Union Memorial Center
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12:00 PM -
1:30 PM

Join us for an in-depth panel discussion on Dr. Samantha Simon's book *Before the Badge: How Academy Training Shapes Police Violence* (NYU Press), a groundbreaking examination of how police training academies socialize cadets into state-sanctioned violence. Drawing on nearly 600 hours of fieldwork and 40 interviews, Simon's research reveals the processes through which law enforcement training shapes officers' behavior and approaches to policing.

The panel features Dr. Samantha Simon (author), Dr. Daniel Menchik, Dr. Taylor Winfield, and Dr. Robert Vargas. Together, they will engage critically with Simon's research and examine its broader implications for society today.

This event is open to all. Please RSVP using the QR code above.



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DR. DANIEL MENCHIK

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DR. TAYLOR WINFIELD

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