



Citizen Brown

Race, Democracy, and Inequality in the St. Louis Suburbs

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The 2014 killing of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, ignited nationwide protests and brought widespread attention to police brutality and institutional racism. But Ferguson was no aberration. As Colin Gordon shows in his book “Citizen Brown: Race, Democracy, and Inequality in the St. Louis Suburbs,” the events in Ferguson exposed not only the deep racism of the local police department but also the ways in which decades of public policy effectively segregated people and curtailed citizenship not just in Ferguson but across the St. Louis suburbs. Ferguson, which protect but as sources of revenue was only the most immediate example.

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