

The Spring 2026 James McCormick Mitchell Lecture



**Friday,
February 27, 2026**

Charles B. Sears
Law Library
John Lord O'Brian Hall
Free and open to the public.

Lecture at 2:30 p.m.
Panel discussion at 3:30 p.m.
Reception at 4:30 p.m.

THE PROTESTANT WORK ETHIC AND THE ROOTS OF POPULIST AUTHORITARIANISM

The current period of democratic backsliding in the U.S. raises deeper questions about unlikely right-wing populist alliances. Join us for a discussion of why these patterns make sense when viewed through an authoritarian reinterpretation of the Protestant work ethic and the psychology of submission within authoritarian systems.



Featuring
Elizabeth Anderson
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor
and John Dewey Distinguished
University Professor of Philosophy
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