We Built This: How Federal Policy Segregated America

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Publications by Professor Faber

- We Built This: Consequences of New Deal Era Intervention in America’s Racial Geography
- Contemporary Echoes of Segregationist Policy: Spatial Marking and the Persistence of Inequality
- The Racialized Costs of “Traditional” Banking in Segregated America: Evidence from Entry-Level Checking Accounts
- Segregation and the Cost of Money: Race, Poverty, and the Prevalence of Alternative Financial Institutions
- Complaining While Black: Racial Disparities in the Adjudication of Complaints Against the Police
- Disentangling the Effects of Race and Place in Economic Transactions: Findings from an Online Field Experiment
- On the Street During the Great Recession: Exploring the Relationship Between Foreclosures and Homelessness
- And more...

Referenced Articles and Maps

- Mapping Inequality: Redlining in New Deal America
- The Opportunity Atlas
- Segregation map: America’s cities 50 years after the Fair Housing Act of 1968
- In These Neighborhoods, the Jobless Rate May Top 30 Percent
- How Decades of Racist Housing Policy Left Neighborhoods Sweltering
- How Homeownership Became the Engine of American Inequality

Further Reading and Resources:

- Crabgrass Frontier: The Suburbanization of the United States by Kenneth T. Jackson
- A World More Concrete: Real Estate and the Remaking of Jim Crow South Florida by N. D. B. Connolly
- The Color of Credit: Mortgage Discrimination, Research Methodology, and Fair-Lending Enforcement by Stephen L. Ross and John Yinger
- Race for Profit: How Banks and the Real Estate Industry Undermined Black Homeownership by Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor
Center on Poverty and Social Policy Related Research and Findings

- Housing Vouchers and Tax Credits: Pairing the Proposal to Transform Section 8 with Expansions to the EITC and the Child Tax Credit Could Cut the National Poverty Rate by Half
- Forced Moves and Eviction in New York City: A first look at the experiences and trajectories of New Yorkers who are forced out of their housing

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