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Colloquium with Professor Mark Krasovic

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Modeling Consensus: The Kerner Commission Response to Urban Rioting in Newark (pre-circulated paper)

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**12:15-1:45pm Bowl 002 (lower level) Robertson Hall
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**Lunch served – RSVP required to vfitzpat@princeton.edu by Monday, March 24.
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This chapter is drawn from Professor Krasovic's current book manuscript, entitled *The Frontier of the Liberal Imagination: The Great Society in Newark*. The structures of Great Society liberalism, he argues, brought together government officials, academics, and local Newarkers in new and complicated ways. Professor Krasovic looks at the investigative commission as one of the institutions that, in its ad hoc and decentered structure, was an administrative embodiment of that liberalism. This chapter tells the story of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders (aka, the Kerner Commission), which was appointed by President Lyndon Johnson in 1967 after rioting in Newark and Detroit. This project was recognized as the honorable mention finalist for the American Studies Association's Ralph Henry Gabriel Dissertation Prize, and has been supported by the Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation and the New Jersey Historical Commission.

Professor Krasovic received his PhD in American Studies from Yale University in 2008. His research and teaching interests center on the cultural and political history of the modern United States, urban history, and the public humanities.

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