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Explore an Author's Parallels between 'Jim Crow' and Today's U. S. Criminal Justice System

Everyone is invited to discuss "The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness" by Michelle Alexander.

MEMPHIS, TN (March 23, 2012) LeMoyne-Owen College's Center for African & African American Studies wraps up a month-long celebration of Women's History Month with a tabletop book club discussion of Michelle Alexander's *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* **March 27, 2012, at noon** on the LeMoyne-Owen College campus, 807 Walker Ave.

Alexander's book sheds light on how scores of incarcerated young African American men in major cities are labeled felons for life, subjecting them to a subordinate social status similar to the one imposed on African Americans under 'Jim Crow' in the southern United States over 50 years ago. She explores how this disparity continues during an era punctuated by the financial success of media mogul Oprah Winfrey and the political success of President Barack Obama.

LeMoyne-Owen College alumna Dr. Rosalyn Nichols will lead the discussion where those in attendance will be encouraged to share their views about the book over a complimentary lunch.

This event is **free** and open to the public. Book club membership is not required.

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