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"The Hero and the Monsignor: Law, Sexual Violence, and the Catholic Church"



Thursday
September 26, 2024
12:30-2:00pm

Parkes 222
1870 Sheridan Road
Evanston, IL 60208

Description: This talk builds from a book-in-progress on sexual abuse by Catholic priests. The book is centered on a case study of a lawsuit filed against the Archdiocese of Dubuque, Iowa, by a prominent NBC news correspondent over his claim that he was sexually assaulted by two priests in 1962. The lawsuit was filed 40 years later in 2004 and highlights our theory of enabling organizations and the power and limitations of law to remedy and reform sexual abuse in organizations.

Robert Nelson and **Laura Beth Nielsen** are both Professors of Sociology and Law at Northwestern University and Research Professors at the American Bar Foundation. Both study how law inscribes and contests inequalities of race, gender, and sexuality.

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