

# Confronting Racial Injustice



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## Boston School Desegregation through the Rearview Mirror

In 1972, a group of African American parents sued city and state officials over segregation within the Boston Public Schools. After a trial, a federal court determined that the Boston School Committee had intentionally discriminated on the basis of race by operating a dual school system that extended to school assignments, facilities, and staffing. When officials failed to produce a timely remedy, the court ordered institutional reforms, including re-districting and the re-assignment of students. In this program, panelists will reflect on the lessons to be learned from Boston's school desegregation experience.



### SPEAKERS

**MARTHA MINOW**, 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary University Professor, Harvard University, and Former Dean, Harvard Law School

**BECKY SHUSTER**, Assistant Superintendent of Equity, Boston Public Schools

**RACHEL E. TWYMON**, whose family was profiled in J. Anthony Lukas' Pulitzer Prize-winning book, *Common Ground*

### MODERATOR

**MATTHEW F. DELMONT**, Sherman Fairchild Distinguished Professor of History, Dartmouth College

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