

2012

# COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY KEYNOTE ADDRESS

## *“The New Jim Crow System in the United States”*

*Will be delivered by*



### MICHELLE ALEXANDER

Attorney; Professor, The Ohio State University; Author  
*The New Jim Crow. Mass Incarceration  
in the Age of Colorblindness*

Professor Michelle Alexander is a highly acclaimed civil rights lawyer, advocate, and legal scholar who currently holds a joint appointment at the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity and the Moritz College of Law at The Ohio State University. Prior to joining the Kirwan Institute, Alexander was an Associate Professor of Law at Stanford Law School, where she directed the Civil Rights Clinics. Professor Alexander is a graduate of Stanford Law School and Vanderbilt University.

In 2005, she won a Soros Justice Fellowship, which supported the writing of her first book, *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* (The New Press, 2010). The book is considered one of the top African American books of 2010 and it won the NAACP Image Award for "outstanding literary work of non-fiction." The book has been featured on national radio and television media outlets, including *NPR*, *The Bill Moyers Journal*, the *Tavis Smiley Show*, *C-Span Washington Journal*, among others. *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* challenges the conventional wisdom that with the election of President Barack Obama, our nation has "triumphed over race."

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2012**

**Hamline United Methodist Church; 7:30 PM**



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