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The Growing Inequality of Colleges: How and Why

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Charles Clotfelter is the Z. Smith Reynolds Professor of Public Policy and Professor of Economics and Law at Duke University, where he has also served as vice provost for academic policy and planning, vice chancellor, vice provost for academic programs, and associate dean of academic programs at the Sanford School of Public Policy.

Professor Clotfelter is the author of several books, including *Unequal Colleges in the Age of Disparity* (2017), *Big-Time Sports in American Universities* (2011), and *After Brown: The Rise and Retreat of School Desegregation* (2004). He is also co-author (with Philip Cook) of *Selling Hope: State Lotteries in America* (1989) and has coauthored or edited five other books pertaining to higher education and the nonprofit sector. In 2005, he was co-winner, for *After Brown*, of the Gladys M. Kammerer Award for the best political science publication in the field of U.S. national policy. In 2015, he was elected to the National Academy of Education.

In his lecture, Professor Clotfelter will discuss whether America's colleges, rather than acting as an avenue for equal opportunity, in fact contribute to more inequality. He will present the data he has gathered to describe the market for baccalaureate education over the last four decades and argue that an increase in inequality is revealed by numerous comparisons of different types of colleges and their students over time.

Lecture:

3 to 4:30 p.m.

Multipurpose Room

Student Community Center

Reception:

4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

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