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Scholar-Activist Faculty Hiring in America



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4:30–5:30pm talk

5:30–6:30pm taco bar



Discovery Building
H.F. DeLuca Forum Room
330 N. Orchard St. - Madison

FREE TACO BAR!

Sailer's investigative work has explored issues related to faculty hiring, the academic talent pipeline, and grant funding. His work on the use of diversity statements in faculty hiring has led to substantial policy change throughout the country.

Sailer will discuss the "scholar-activist pipeline" — the way that universities, foundations, and (until recently) the federal government have encouraged scholars to view their work as an extension of a social or political agenda.