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THE WAR ON POLICE

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Reception at 5:30 pm • Dinner served at 6:00 PM • Speaker presentation at 6:45 PM

The Black Lives Matter movement holds that the U.S. is experiencing an epidemic of racially-driven police shootings, and that policing is shot through with systemic bias. Those claims have been embraced at the highest reaches of government and amplified by the media. But are they true? Heather Mac Donald will argue that the central Black Lives Matter narrative is not just false but dangerous. It has caused officers to back off on proactive policing in high crime areas, leading to the largest spike in homicides in nearly 50 years. The victims have overwhelmingly been black.

Mac Donald will explore the data on policing, crime, and race and argue that policing today is driven by crime, not race. In fact, there is no government agency more dedicated to the proposition that black lives matter than the police.

Heather Mac Donald is the Thomas W. Smith Fellow at the Manhattan Institute whose expertise include policing, immigration, welfare, education, homeland security, and philanthropy.

She is a contributing editor of *City Journal*. She is a recipient of the 2005 Bradley Prize. Mac Donald's work at *City Journal* has covered a range of topics, including higher education, immigration, policing, homelessness and homeless advocacy, criminal-justice reform, and race relations. Her writing has appeared in the *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, *New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *The New Republic*, and *The New Criterion*. Mac Donald's newest book, *The War on Cops* (2016), warns that raced-based attacks on the criminal-justice system, from the White House on down, are eroding the authority of law and putting lives at risk.

Ms. Mac Donald earned her B.A. from Yale University, M.A. from Cambridge University, and a J.D. from Stanford University Law School.

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