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**Thursday, November 14 at 6:00 p.m.
Room 1008 and via Zoom
A light dinner will be served.**

Professor Maldonado is Eleanor Bontecou Professor of Law at Seton Hall Law School. She writes and teaches in the areas of family law, gender, race and their intersections. She is an Associate Reporter for the American Law Institute's *Restatement of the Law, Children and the Law*, and author of *The Architecture of Desire: How the Law Shapes Interracial Intimacy and Perpetuates Inequality* (NYU Press, 2024). She is the co-editor of two casebooks—*Family Law:*

Cases and Materials (Foundation Press, 7th ed. 2019) and *Family Law in the World Community* (Carolina Academic Press, 3rd ed. 2015). She serves on the editorial board of the American Bar Association's *Family Law Quarterly* and as Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees of the New Jersey Law and Education Empowerment Project (NJ LEEP), a pipeline and college access program for middle and high school students from underserved communities.

The Architecture of Desire examines how the law influences our most personal and private choices—who we desire and choose as intimate partners—and explores the psychological, economic, and social effects of these choices. Romantic preferences, as shaped by law, perpetuate segregation and subordination by limiting, on the basis of race, individuals' prospects for marriage and marriage-like commitments, as well as economic and social mobility.