



**Award-winning Author and Scholar  
to speak at CSU, Chico for Constitution Day**

Dr. Traci Burch of Northwestern University will give the keynote address for Constitution Day: "Policing and Political Participation." The event is on **Thursday, September 14 at 6:00 pm in Harlen Adams Theatre (PAC 144)** on the campus of California State University, Chico. This is a **free public event** open to all students, faculty and community members.



Traci Burch is an Associate Professor of Political Science at Northwestern University and a Research Professor at the American Bar Foundation. Her areas of focus include U.S. politics, political behavior and inequality, race and ethnic politics, social policy, and criminal justice. Her current research examines the effects of criminal convictions and incarceration on individual and neighborhood voter participation; changes in racial categorization as a result of intermarriage and immigration; and interest group participation in the Supreme Court.

Her most recent book, *Trading Democracy for Justice: Criminal Convictions and the Decline of Neighborhood Political Participation* (University of Chicago Press, 2013), received the Ralph Bunche Award from the American Political Science Association, the Best Book Award from the Urban Politics Section of the American Political Science Association, and the C. Herman Pritchett Award from the Law and Courts section of the American Political Science Association. She is also the co-author of *Creating a New Racial Order* (Princeton University Press, 2012) and the author of a number of journal articles, including; "The Effects of Imprisonment and Community Supervision on Political Participation" in *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* (2014); "Did Disfranchisement Laws Help Elect President Bush? New Evidence on the Turnout and Party Registration of Florida's Ex-Felons" in *Political Behavior* (2012); and "Turnout and Party Registration among Criminal Offenders in the 2008 General Election" in *Law and Society Review* (2011).

This event is sponsored by the CSU, Chico Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society, Associated Students, the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, and the Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice.

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