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Rebecca Goldstein (Government, G-4)

"Essays on the Politics of Policing"

I am a fourth-year PhD student in the Department of Government. My research focuses on the politics of policing, program evaluation, and prisoner reentry. I graduated from Harvard College in 2013 with a B.A. in Statistics. My dissertation, "Essays on the Politics of Policing", aims to bring a political science perspective to the study of U.S. police departments. Through essays on police brutality, fee and fine enforcement, public demand for police services, and investigative quality, my dissertation seeks to contribute a new understanding to the determinants of why the police act the way they do.

Lowry Pressly (Government, G-4)

"Privacy, Self, and Society"

Most of us seem to care about privacy in one way or another, and yet we have a hard time explaining what it is that we care about and why. Why should this be? My project seeks to clarify our understanding of privacy—but also to make sense of our hard time—by excavating the sources of this contested interest, by locating its emergence at a specific moment in the development of modern ideologies of self and society, and by offering a coherent normative account of what we talk about when we talk about privacy. The dissertation goes on to offer both a defense and a critique of privacy that builds on the new history and new philosophical elaboration of the privacy interest, right, and practice.