

MSU History Department Speaker Series

“The Origins of Today’s Radical Right and the Crisis of Our Democracy”

Professor Nancy MacLean of Duke University

Tuesday Nov. 21, 2017 from 12:00-1:30

Department of History Conference

Room 255 Old Horticulture

Book signing to follow the talk

Democracy in Chains is an explosive exposé of the little-known thinker behind the radical right’s relentless campaign to eliminate unions, suppress voting, privatize public education, stop action on climate change, and alter the Constitution: the Nobel Prize winning political economist James McGill Buchanan. It was Buchanan who taught billionaire Charles Koch that for capitalism to thrive, democracy must be enchained.



The Guardian has called the book "the missing chapter: a key to understanding the politics of the past half century." Come hear MacLean share the story of how she found the trail of this collaboration in the archives as she explains its frightening import. The book has also been shortlisted for the National Book Award in nonfiction.



