



Black Metropolis
Research Consortium

BMRC 2025 Fellows Fall Speaker Series: Nicholas Kryczka

“Black Politics and Education Crises at the Turn of the 1980s”

Join us on **October 22 at 12.30pm (CST)** for a presentation in the 2025 Fellows Fall Speaker Series. **Dr. Nicholas Kryczka** will share the results of his summer research as a BMRC Research Fellow in his talk, ***“Black Politics and Education Crises at the Turn of the 1980s.”***



Speaker:
Nicholas Kryczka, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor of Secondary Education for Social Studies at National Louis University and Scholar in Residence at the Newberry Library, is a historian and teacher educator whose work explores the political and intellectual history of urban school reform in late 20th-century Chicago. His current book traces the continuity from the desegregation debates of the 1960s and '70s to the rise of school choice and accountability, revealing how post-civil rights education policies reshaped urban neighborhoods, empowered nonprofit actors in local politics, and positioned Chicago as a national laboratory for education reform.



Discussant:
Toussaint Losier, Ph.D.

Associate Professor, W.E.B. Du Bois Department of Afro-American Studies, University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

Dr. Losier is a historian whose work focuses on grassroots responses to mass incarceration in postwar Chicago. He teaches African American history, Black politics, and criminal justice policy, and has published in *Souls*, *Radical History Review*, and *The Journal of Urban History*. He is co-author of *Rethinking the American Prison Movement* and is completing a book titled *War for the City: Black Chicago and the Rise of the Carceral State*.

Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/4pP7mXa>

