Surging populist politics on both sides of the Atlantic has revealed the deep dissatisfaction of many working class whites. Through the “Brexit” vote in Britain and the rise of Donald Trump in the U.S., these voters have expressed anger and discontent over their economic fortunes, the political elite, and growing social diversity. A scholar of immigration and minority politics, Justin Gest has been examining the root causes of white working class radicalization in England and the United States through both ethnographic and public opinion research. In this talk, he will present some of the main findings of his recently published book, *The New Minority: White Working Class Politics in an Age of Immigration and Inequality* (Oxford University Press, 2016).

**Justin Gest** is an Assistant Professor of Public Policy at George Mason University’s Schar School of Policy and Government. In addition to *The New Minority*, he is the author of *Apart: Alienated and Engaged Muslims in the West* (Oxford University Press/Hurst, 2010), and *Crossroads: Comparative Migration Regimes in a World of Demographic Changes* (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming in 2017) and numerous scholarly articles. He has also published commentary, analysis or contributed reporting to a number of newspapers. Professor Gest earned his PhD in Government from the London School of Economics and previously was a postdoctoral fellow and lecturer in Harvard University’s Department of Government.

**Wednesday, September 21, 2016**
12:00pm – 1:30pm
Voesar Conference Room
Please RSVP at http://go.gwu.edu/gest