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**Tema Okun to deliver lecture on March 26:
“Public Policy and Race Equity: Assumptions and Unintended Consequences”**

CHAPEL HILL, NC – Tema Okun will deliver a lecture, “Public Policy and Race Equity: Assumptions and Unintended Consequences,” at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 26, in the School of Government’s Knapp-Sanders Building. This event is free and open to the public. A reception will precede the lecture at 3:30 p.m.

Okun is a lead trainer with Dismantling Racism Works and an adjunct faculty member in the School of Social Work at UNC-Chapel Hill. Okun grew up in Chapel Hill during desegregation of the public schools, and she has been teaching about race, class, and gender in communities and classrooms for more than 25 years. She is currently a doctoral candidate in curriculum and teaching, with a specialization in cultural studies, at UNC-Greensboro.

In her lecture, Okun will draw lessons from Chapel Hill’s desegregation effort to help identify and reflect on the hidden assumptions in approaches to understanding and addressing inequity—assumptions that often reinforce the very inequities being addressed. She will also discuss strategies that are critical to effectively meeting racial equity goals.

The presentation by Tema Okun is part of the 2008–2009 Lecture Series sponsored by the Carolina Society for Future Leaders, the UNC-Chapel Hill Student Congress, the Master of Public Administration program, and the School of Government.

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