

The Ballpark Podcast Extra Innings: The Great Debate Over Race in America

On the 30th of January 2020, **Professor Nicholas Buccola** joined the LSE US Centre for the event, “James Baldwin vs. William F. Buckley: The Great Debate over Race in America”. The event was chaired by **Dr. Clive James Nwonka**, a Visiting Fellow in the International Inequalities Institute and affiliate of the US Centre. At the event, Professor Buccola spoke about his new book *The Fire Is upon Us: James Baldwin, William F. Buckley Jr., and the Debate over Race in America*. He revisited the historic debate between these two thinkers, the controversies that followed their meeting, and how their clash continues to illuminate America’s racial divide today.

Professor Nicholas Buccola is the Elizabeth and Morris Glicksman Chair in Political Science at Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon. He is a writer, lecturer, and teacher who specializes in the area of American political thought. He is the author of [The Fire Is upon Us: James Baldwin, William F. Buckley Jr., and the Debate over Race in America](#) (Princeton University, 2019) and [The Political Thought of Frederick Douglass: In Pursuit of American Liberty](#) (New York University Press, 2012).

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