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## Scholar Spotlight: Darrick Hamilton

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This week's scholar spotlight highlights Darrick Hamilton, whose work on stratification economics has inspired Democratic presidential hopefuls Sen. Cory Booker and Rep. Beto O'Rourke. Darrick's groundbreaking body of research on reparations and the racial wealth gap - which Booker credits as laying the foundation for his "baby bonds" policy proposal - is featured in a [new profile by the Wall Street Journal](#). Read more about baby bonds in Darrick's [interview with Bloomberg](#) and listen to his [appearance on No Jargon](#) to learn about the policy interventions that can help break the cycle of poverty in communities of color.

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Hamilton's work focuses on the causes, consequences and remedies of racial and ethnic inequality in economic and health outcomes, which includes an examination of the intersection of identity, racism, colorism, and socioeconomic outcomes. He has authored numerous scholarly articles on socioeconomic stratification in education, marriage, wealth, homeownership, health (including mental health), and labor market outcomes.