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## **CURE scholar William Allen presents *The State of Black America* at U. Chicago**

**Chicago, IL.** - Dr. William B. Allen, who previously served on the Board of Directors and as Chief Operating Officer contributed to the current edition of *The State of Black America* by joining professors and public figures at the University Club of Chicago on April 13th for a book signing, lecture, and Q & A.

Dr. Allen's visit was part of the National Review Institute's series of Regional Seminars, where conservative intellectuals gather to discuss the biggest problems facing society and the unique role of education in solving those problems. The seminar featured panels on creating opportunity through free-market policies and high-quality education with National Review writers, prominent conservatives, and local entrepreneurs who can speak to the importance of upward mobility.

Andrew McCarthy of National Review interviewed Dr. Allen in a one-on-one setting that allowed for a thorough unpacking of CURE's forthcoming volume. *The State of Black America* explores similar pressing questions while maintaining a focus on America's founding principles as the perennial solution to problems of racial inequality, division, and poverty. Dr. Allen's perspective on natural law as the fundamental basis for civil rights was of particular interest. Commenting on the focus of the book, he observed that it does not only center on opportunities for American blacks to "chart their own course in America" but more importantly to recognize their unique role in securing the promise of a "free America."

Dr. Allen will return for another lecture and book signing at the NRI's May 2 event in New York.

*CURE is a policy and research center dedicated to fighting poverty and restoring dignity through messages of faith, freedom, and personal responsibility. CURE seeks free-market solutions to provide education, employment, healthcare, and the opportunity for black families to grow and their communities to flourish.*

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