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DOMINGO MOREL: Takeover: Race, Education, and American Democracy

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Takeover offers the first systematic study of state takeovers of local school districts in the United States. Relying on historical analysis, case studies (with a primary focus on Newark, New Jersey) and an original dataset of nearly 1000 school districts, the book examines the political causes and consequences of state takeovers. The book shows that although the justification for state takeovers have been generally based on concerns with poor academic performance, questions of race and political power have played a critical role in the emergence of state takeovers of local school districts.

Domingo Morel is Assistant Professor of Political Science at Rutgers University, Newark. In 2018-2019, he will be a Visiting Scholar at the Annenberg Institute for School Reform at Brown University. His research program and teaching portfolio focus on racial and ethnic politics, urban politics, education politics and public policy. He is the author of *Takeover: Race, Education, and American Democracy* (Oxford University Press, 2018). He is also co-editor of *Latino Mayors: Power and Political Change in the Postindustrial City* (Temple University Press, 2018). Dr. Morel has years of applied experience in education, political affairs, and public policy. Prior to pursuing his Ph.D., he worked in higher education for special programs designed to provide college access and support services to students from traditionally underserved populations. He is also co-founder of the Latino Policy Institute at Roger Williams University and past president of the Rhode Island Latino Political Action Committee. He received his Ph.D. in political science from Brown University in 2014.