



NOT IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD

On April 8, former Baltimore Sun reporter Antero Pietila will speak on his new book "Not In My Neighborhood," an examination of housing discrimination in Baltimore.

Mr. Pietila's all-American tale is told through the prism of Baltimore, from its early suburbanization in the 1880s to the consequences of white flight after World War II, and into the first decade of the twenty-first century. The events are real, and so are the heroes and villains. Mr. Pietila's narrative centers on the human side of residential real estate practices, whose discriminatory tools were the same everywhere: restrictive covenants, redlining, blockbusting, predatory lending.

Who is **Antero Pietila**? For a glimpse, the following is from Mr. Pietila's Web Page. - "I first saw America's shores in May 1964 from the deck of the M/S Fintrader. I was a twenty-year-old aspiring journalist from Finland wanting so badly to spend that summer in the United States -- the summer of Lyndon B. Johnson's re-election campaign, civil rights strife and of the New York World's Fair -- that I worked my way across on a freighter. I came from a country so homogeneous that eye and hair color marked the chief differences among its four and a half million people. No blacks lived in Finland in those days, and only fifteen hundred Jews."

Place: The Library's George William Brown Room (Mitchell Courthouse Room 504), Fayette and Calvert Streets, entrance on Lexington Street between St. Paul and Calvert Streets, followed by a wine and cheese reception in the Bar Library (Room 618, Mitchell Courthouse)

Time: 5:00 p.m., Thursday, April 8, 2010, with a wine & cheese reception immediately following in the Main Reading Room of the Bar Library.

Invitees: Members of the Library Company of the Baltimore Bar, judges, employees of Baltimore City and its courts, government lawyers, public interest lawyers, law librarians, law and college faculty and students. Others may attend on payment of a \$20 admission charge or upon application for Bar Library membership.

R.S.V.P.: If you would like to attend telephone the Library at 410-727-0280 or reply by e-mail to jwbennett@barlib.org.