

■ Drake University Law School presents

Exploring Racism in America

A series of lectures presented by Drake Law faculty and alumni which examine whether certain policies and practices perpetuate racial inequities in American society.

**All lectures will be delivered on-line, and are scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. CST.*

Register here.

Friday, September 4

UNBIASED POLICING AND ANTI-RACIAL PROFILING LEGISLATION

Russell Lovell and David Walker

Russell Lovell and David Walker are professors emeriti at Drake Law School. They will talk about their important work that led to the enactment of the Unbiased Policing Ordinance in the city of Des Moines earlier this summer. *Approved for 1 hour Iowa CLE credit, Activity code 354042*

Friday, September 11

OVER-REPRESENTATION OF MINORITY CHILDREN IN THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM

Jami Hagemeyer

Jami Hagemeyer is interim director of the Joan and Lyle Middleton Center for Children's Rights, and associate clinical professor at Drake Law School. Hagemeyer will discuss how implicit bias impacts decisions made at key points, generational trauma, the system's need to recruit and retain minority resource families, and difficulties with kinship placements. *Approved for 1 hour Iowa CLE credit, Activity code 354039*

Friday, September 25

THE #METOO MOVEMENT & BLACK FEMINISM: How the Mainstream White Feminist Movement Failed Black Women & Where We Go From Here

Julia Steggerda-Corey and Victoria Millet

Julia Steggerda-Corey is director of the Compliance and Risk Management Program at Drake Law School, and Victoria Millet is an Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Associate at the University of Minnesota. They will explore the origins of the #MeToo movement and how and where Black women were excluded, unique challenges Black women have faced in American society, and legal developments that have emerged since the #MeToo movement began that address fight sexual harassment and sexual violence. *Approved for 1 hour Iowa CLE credit, Activity code 354045*

Friday, October 9

WHY AFROCENTRIC FACIAL FEATURE BIAS IS A PERNICIOUS FORM OF RACISM

Mark W. Bennett

Mark W. Bennett is director of the Drake Law Institute for Justice Reform and Innovation. He currently has a grant pending before the National Science Foundation for a multi-dimensional national empirical study of Afrocentric facial feature (AFF) bias in both the criminal and civil justice systems. AFF bias is a little understood and understudied form of both systemic and individual racism. Bennett will look at both judicial and juror decision making when parties with varying degrees of Afrocentric facial features are involved. *Approved for 1 hour Iowa CLE credit, Activity code 354044*

Friday, October 16

THE U.S. SUPREME COURT AND SYSTEMIC RACISM

Mark Kende

Mark Kende is director of the Drake Constitutional Law Center, and the James Madison Chair in Constitutional Law. Kende will discuss how the U.S. Supreme Court has generally refused to acknowledge the existence of systemic racism in several constitutional cases, and how the Court's approaches make it difficult for racial minorities to achieve equality. *Approved for 1 hour CLE, Activity code 354043*

Friday, October 23

FAIR CROSS-SECTION JURY TRIAL REFORM

Russell Lovell and David Walker

Lovell and Walker will examine the Iowa Supreme Court's landmark 2017 decision of *State v. Plain* and its three 2019 post-*Plain* decisions that reinforced defendants' rights to jury pools and jury panels that reflect a fair cross-section (FCS) of the community. *Approved for 1 hour CLE, Activity code 354040*

Friday, November 6

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Jerry Anderson

Jerry Anderson is Dean of Drake Law School and the Richard M. and Anita Calkins Distinguished Professor of Law. Anderson will discuss the systemic barriers to reducing the environmental harms experienced by people of color. *Approved for 1 hour CLE, Activity code 354041*

Friday, November 13

INSTITUTIONAL RACISM AND THE FOOD WE EAT

Jennifer Zwagerman

Jennifer Zwagerman is director of the Drake Agricultural Law Center. She will discuss both the impact of institutional racism here in Iowa, and the history of racism in the United States Department of Agriculture, including several class action lawsuits filed by minority farmers. *Approved for 1 hour CLE, Activity code 354038*