

FROM THE FRONT LINE



CRITICAL RACE THEORY UNDER ATTACK: THE FIGHT FOR ANTIRACIST EDUCATION

A conversation discussing the origins of Critical Race Theory, a breakdown of the current debate, and thoughtful analysis of what is at stake.

MONDAY, JULY 26 AT 12:00 PM PDT

ABOUT

Here at UCLA Law, we have been home to a nation-leading Critical Race Studies program for the last 20 years. And right now across the country, a firestorm over Critical Race Theory has exploded. New legislation bans ideas and research designed to combat racism from classrooms and workplace training by labeling them as “divisive” and “anti-American.” What is at the root of this conflict? And what are its consequences? Join our panel of experts for a deeper conversation discussing Critical Race Theory.

This event is in partnership with UCLA Law Critical Race Studies, home of the nation's first Critical Race Studies program.



Moderated by:
JENNIFER L. MNOOKIN

Dean and Ralph and Shirley Shapiro Professor of Law

Jennifer L. Mnookin, Ralph and Shirley Shapiro Professor of Law, became dean of the UCLA School of Law in August 2015. A member of the UCLA Law faculty since 2005, she has served as Vice Dean for Faculty and Research, and Vice Dean for Faculty Recruitment and Intellectual Life. As dean she has worked to build upon UCLA Law’s reputation for excellence and access, and to support a collaborative and engaging environment among students, the school’s renowned faculty and its 17,000 alumni.

PANELISTS



CHERYL HARRIS

Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Professor in Civil Rights and Civil Liberties & Vice Dean for Community, Equality, and Justice, UCLA School of Law

Professor Harris began her teaching career in 1990 after working for one of Chicago’s leading criminal defense firms and later serving as a senior legal advisor in the City Attorney’s office. The interconnections between racial theory, civil rights practice, politics, and human rights have been important to her work. Since joining the UCLA Law faculty in 1998, Professor Harris has continued to produce groundbreaking scholarship in the field of Critical Race Theory. She has also lectured widely on issues of race and equality at leading institutions here and abroad and has been a frequent contributor to various media outlets on current events and cases involving race and equality. Professor Harris has served as a consultant to the MacArthur Foundation and has been on the board of leading academic societies. She has served as faculty director for the Critical Race Studies Program and has received the ACLU Foundation of Southern California's Distinguished Professor Award for Civil Rights Education.

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JANINE JACKSON

Program Director, Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting & Producer/Host, CounterSpin

Janine Jackson is FAIR's program director and producer/host of FAIR's syndicated weekly radio show CounterSpin. She contributes frequently to FAIR's newsletter Extra!, and co-edited *The FAIR Reader: An Extra! Review of Press and Politics in the '90s* (Westview Press). She has appeared on ABC's Nightline and CNN Headline News, among other outlets, and has testified to the Senate Communications Subcommittee on budget reauthorization for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. Her articles have appeared in, *In These Times* and the UAW's *Solidarity*, and in books including *Civil Rights Since 1787* and *Stop the Next War Now: Effective Responses to Violence and Terrorism*.



JANAI NELSON '96

Associate Director-Counsel, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF)

As an organizational thought-leader at LDF, Janai S. Nelson works with the President and Director-Counsel to determine and execute LDF's strategic vision and oversee the operation of its programs. She is a member of LDF's litigation and policy teams and has served as interim director of LDF's Thurgood Marshall Institute and in various other leadership capacities at LDF. Ms. Nelson was one of the lead counsel in *Veasey v. Abbott* (2018), a successful federal challenge to Texas's voter ID law, and the lead architect of *NUL v. Trump* (2020), which sought to declare President Trump's executive order banning diversity, equity and inclusion training in the workplace unconstitutional before it was later rescinded. Prior to joining LDF in June 2014, Nelson was Associate Dean for Faculty Scholarship and Associate Director of the Ronald H. Brown Center for Civil Rights and Economic Development at St. John's University School of Law where she was also a full professor of law and served on the law school's Senior Leadership Team.

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From the Frontline Event: August 3rd