

Program

Welcome/IntroductionWill Ross, M.D.

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RemarksMark S. Wrighton, Ph.D.

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Introduction of Ms. Patricia WilliamsWilliam Tate, Ph.D.

Edward Mallinckrodt Distinguished University Professor
In Arts and Sciences

“The Civil Rights Emergency”Patricia Williams, J.D.

Professor of Law, Columbia University

Question & Answer SessionAudience



Patricia J. Williams, the James L. Dohr Professor of Law at Columbia University, is considered one of the most provocative intellectuals in American law. Widely recognized and respected for her compelling application of literary and legal theory to current events and contemporary culture, she is considered an expert on racism, gender issues, and law. She was born in Boston in 1951 and holds a BA from Wellesley College and a JD from Harvard Law School. She was a fellow in the School of Criticism and Theory at Dartmouth College and has been an associate professor at the University of Wisconsin School Law School and its department of women's studies. She has held fellowships at the University of California Humanities Research Institute and the Center for Advanced Study in Behavioral Sciences in Stanford. Williams also worked as a consumer advocate in the office of the

City Attorney in Los Angeles. A member of the State Bar of California and the Federal Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit, Williams has served on the advisory council for the Medgar Evers Center for Law and Social Justice of the City University of New York and on the board of governors for the Society of American Law Teachers, among others.

She is widely published in the areas of race, gender, and law. Her publications include *Anthony Burns: The Defeat and Triumph of a Fugitive Slave*, *On Being the Object of Property*, *The Electronic Transformation of Law* and *And We Are Not Married: A Journal of Musings on Legal Language and the Ideology of Style*. In 1993, Harvard University Press published Williams' *The Alchemy of Race & Rights* to widespread critical acclaim. She is also the author of *The Rooster's Egg*, *Seeing a Color-Blind Future: The Paradox of Race* and, most recently, *Open House: On Family Food, Friends, Piano Lessons and The Search for a Room of My Own*. She has written extensively for scholarly journals, popular magazines and newspapers, including *USA Today*, *Harvard Law Review*, *The New York Times Book Review*, and the *Village Voice*.

She appears frequently on television and in documentary films, wrote and narrated a short film critical of talk radio and television (*That Rush!*). Her thought-provoking column, "Diary of a Mad Law Professor," appears monthly in *The Nation*. In 2000, Williams was awarded a prestigious MacArthur Foundation fellowship - commonly referred to as the "genius grant," based on her inspiring work on US race relations and her innovative interdisciplinary approach to writing. According to the citation, "her voice has created a new form of legal writing and scholarship that integrates personal narrative, critical and literary theory, traditional legal doctrine, and empirical and sociological research."

She also was the first winner of the Ida B. Wells Journalism Award in 2002, given to a journalist who exemplifies courage in reporting on racial inequity and injustice in the United States, for her column in *The Nation*. Throughout her career, her essays and columns have challenged what many take for granted in our society, particularly with regard to cultural constructs of race and gender. Her unwavering commitment to multiculturalism and civil rights have made her one of the nation's foremost social critic and a leading voice for social justice.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Lecture

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Monday, January 15, 2007

4:00 p.m.

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Eric P. Newman Education Center
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Guest Speaker:

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