

Wednesday, Oct 18, 2017

OU lecture series to examine 'Christianity and Racism'

As part of its Richard J. Burke Lecture Series in Philosophy, Religion and Society, Oakland University will host a discussion on "Christianity and Racism" with Dr. Charles W. Mills from 7-9 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 2 in Banquet Rooms A and B in the Oakland Center.

Mills, a distinguished professor of philosophy at the City University of New York Graduate Center, earned his Ph.D. at the University of Toronto and previously taught at the University of Oklahoma, the University of Illinois at Chicago and Northwestern University.

He is the author of more than 100 journal articles, book chapters, comments and replied, and six books: *The Racial Contract* (1997), *Blackness Visible: Essays on Philosophy and Race* (1998), *From Class to Race: Essays in White Marxism and Black Radicalism* (2003), *Contract and Domination* (with Carole Pateman) (2007), *Radical Theory, Caribbean Reality* (2010) and *Black Rights/White Wrongs: The Critique of Racial Liberalism* (2017).

In 2017, Mills was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and is the first black philosopher in the history of the organization to be elected under the category of philosophy.

"Professor Mills has published extensively in social and political philosophy, and has been a leader in developing the field of philosophy of race," said Ami Harbin, Ph.D., associate professor of Philosophy and Women and Gender Studies at Oakland University. "He is an excellent and engaging speaker and his lecture provide give an important opportunity to talk about racism and anti-racist efforts in our communities."

A reception will follow the lecture. Admission is free, but reservations are required. To reserve your space, call (248) 370-3390 or email zimmerm2@oakland.edu.

About the Richard J. Burke Lecture Series in Philosophy, Religion and Society

Richard J. Burke was the first faculty member hired by Oakland University. He taught in the department for 46 years (1959-2005). Professor Burke shared his love of philosophy with thousands of students and he left an indelible mark upon the Department of Philosophy and the entire university. Burke died on Feb. 14, 2012, at age 79.



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Peter Singer, and Richard Falk. Because of Professor Burke's generosity, this lecture series will continue for many decades into the future. For more information about the lecture series, visit oakland.edu/phil/burkelecture.