

“Incorporating Race and Culture into Criminal Cases” by Twyla Carter
NAPD Racial Justice Webinar
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RESOURCE GUIDE

Experts

[Jennifer Eberhardt](#); Social psychologist at Stanford University; consequences of the psychological association between race and crime

[Phillip Atiba Goff](#) – Psychologist; Professor of African American Studies and Psychology at Yale University; race and policing - national leader in the science of racial bias by pioneering scientific experiments that exposed how our minds learn to associate Blackness and crime implicitly

[Alexes Harris](#) – Sociologist; social stratification processes and racial and ethnic disparities - how contact with varying institutions (educational, juvenile and criminal justice and economic) impact individuals' life chances

[L. Song Richardson](#) - Dean and Chancellor's Professor of Law at the University of California, Irvine School of Law with joint appointments in the Department of Criminology, Law and Society and in the Department of Asian American Studies; interdisciplinary research uses lessons from cognitive and social psychology to study decision-making and judgment in a variety of contexts

[Dr. H. Timothy Loveless, Jr.](#) - Professor at Duke Law School; legal historian of the civil rights movement

[Henderson Hill](#) – Senior Counsel, ACLU Capital Punishment Project; death penalty jurisprudence and death penalty abolition

[Craig Steven Wilder](#) - Barton L. Weller Professor of History at MIT; historian of American institutions and ideas

[Dr. Katherine Beckett](#) – Sociologist; Professor at University of WA; penal expansion for social inequality, race in drug law enforcement, and the transformation of urban social control practices

[Jeff Fagan](#) – Statistical/social scientist; Columbia University; race and policing - reasonableness of fear during Terry stops

[Seth Kotch](#) - Associate professor of digital humanities; modern American history (specifically the social history of criminal justice), digital humanities, and oral history

[Dr. Carl Wigren](#) - Forensic Pathologist; provides autopsy services, including medical and forensic review of cases

[Dr. Itiel Dror](#) - Cognitive Neuroscientist; co-author of “Cognitive bias in forensic pathology decisions” (link below); cognitive factors in human expert performance; work has led to the discovery of bias in forensic and scientific evidence; published over 120 peer-reviewed articles specifically looking at cognitive factors that impact and bias expert decision making; expert witness on bias and error in forensic decisions in the United States and overseas

[Jessica Levin](#) and [Melissa Lee](#) – Assistant Directors at the Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality at Seattle University School of Law. They work on civil rights and race equity issues and supervise students in the Civil Rights Clinic. Through both direct representation and amicus curiae advocacy, their work addresses issues related to institutional and systemic racism, disproportionate sentencing, and implicit bias in both the civil and criminal legal system. They have experience litigating in federal and state courts, at both the trial and appellate levels. For a list of recent projects, please visit the [Center’s Civil Rights & Criminal Justice Advocacy](#) page.

[Dr. Richard Cooper](#) – Director of the BSW Program and Co-Coordinator African American Studies at Widener University. A leading expert on Black culture, he has been retained in criminal cases to explain how young Black men emulate some rap groups.

Other Resources

Law

[State v. Eric Terrell Spears](#) (dissent by [Justice Donald W. Beatty](#))

Commonwealth of Virginia v. Terrance Shipp, Jr (motion to remove portraits of white judges in courtroom)



Shipp - Motion to Remove Portraits in T



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Defense No 0031 - General Lee.pdf



Gen Lee Order - Judge Sanner - Nov 1



Opinion Letter.pdf

WA State Supreme Court letter to legal community



WA Supreme Court Judiciary Legal Comm

Legislation

[Governor Newsom Signs Landmark Legislation to Advance Racial Justice and California’s Fight Against Systemic Racism & Bias in Our Legal System](#)

Reports

ACLU [Cops and No Counselors](#)

The Bail Project [After Cash Bail](#)

[“Cognitive bias in forensic pathology decisions”](#) Journal of Forensic Sciences (2/20/2021)
"The dataset of death certificates indicated that forensic pathologists were more likely to rule "homicide" rather than "accident" for deaths of Black children relative to White children. This may arise because the base-rate expectation creates an a priori cognitive bias to rule that Black children died as a result of homicide, which then perpetuates itself. Corroborating this explanation, the experimental data with the 133 forensic pathologists exhibited biased decisions when given identical medical information but different irrelevant non-medical information about the race of the child and who was the caregiver who brought them to the hospital. These findings together demonstrate how extraneous information can result in cognitive bias in forensic pathology decision-making."

<https://science.sciencemag.org/content/360/6386/243/tab-pdf>

<https://pubs.acs.org/doi/10.1021/acs.analchem.0c00704>

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2589871X20300553>

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/1556-4029.14697>

Books

Biased: Uncovering the Hidden Prejudice That Shapes What We See, Think, and Do by Jennifer Eberhardt

Are Prisons Obsolete? Angela Y. Davis

So You Want to Talk About Race by Ijeoma Oluo

The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness by Michelle Alexander

Locking Up Our Own by James Forman, Jr.

Race, Crime, and Justice by Shaun L. Gabbidon

How to be an Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi

Antiracist Baby by Ibram X. Kendi

Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America by Michael Eric Dyson

White Fragility by Robin DiAngelo

Divergent Social World: Neighborhood Crime and the Racial-Spatial Divide by Lauren Krivo
and Ruth Peterson

Race, Crime and Resistance by David Tyrer and Tina Patel