

Lecture on Multiculturalism 2001

Patricia J. Williams



The 7th Annual Lecture on Multiculturalism

Wednesday, February 7, 2001

Edwards Auditorium 7 PM

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The University of Rhode Island Multicultural Center is pleased to announce that the University's Seventh Annual Lecture on Multiculturalism will be presented by Patricia J. Williams of Columbia (NY) University Law School on Wednesday, February 7, 2001 at 7:30 pm in Edwards Auditorium.

Williams, who teaches courses on commercial law, contracts and jurisprudence, has been a visiting professor and scholar of women's studies and law at several topflight universities. A columnist with *The Nation*, Williams has published widely in both scholarly journals and the press (*The New York Times*, *The Village Voice*, *The New Yorker* among them) in the areas of race, gender and law, and on other issues of legal theory and legal writing. Her books include:

1. "[The Alchemy of Race and Rights: Diary of a Law Professor](#)" (Harvard University Press, 1991),
2. "[The Rooster's Egg](#)" (Harvard University Press 1995)
3. "[On Seeing a Color-Blind Future: The Paradox of Race](#)" (Farrar, Strauss & Giroux, 1998).

These imaginative, energetic books, often with new takes on old issues, deal with issues of representation, and critical theory, and challenge America's reliance on hurtful stereotypes and hysterical rhetoric. Williams maintains an active speaking schedule and appears frequently on programs like "All Things Considered" and "Fresh Air with Terri Gross" (NPR), "The Lehrer Newshour" (PBS), "The Today Show" (NBC), as well as foreign radio and TV programs. She has appeared in a number of documentary films, including "That Rush!", which she wrote and narrated.

The great-great-granddaughter of a slave and a white southern lawyer, Williams also has engaged in social activism. She joined Harvard University professor Cornel West and other prominent academics in calling for a new trial for Mumia Abu-Jamal, the Philadelphia radio journalist on death row for a murder conviction.

A Boston native, Williams received her bachelor's degree from Wellesley College and her law degree from Harvard. She has published widely penning opinion columns and writing books on subjects that include healing the spirit of the law. Previously, she held faculty appointments at the University of Wisconsin School of Law, the City University of New York Law School at Queens College and Golden Gate University School of Law.

Williams' talk is free and open to the public. No tickets are needed for admission. For more information, call (401) 874-2851.

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