Center on Race, Law and Justice
Reading Race Book Club presents

You Don’t Look Like a Lawyer: Black Women and Systemic Gendered Racism
with author Tsedale M. Melaku

October 24, 2019 | Hill Faculty Conference Room (7-119)

Agenda

3:30 – 4 p.m.  CLE Registration

4 – 5:30 p.m.  Panel Discussion
Moderated by:
Tanya Katerí Hernández, Archibald R. Murray Professor of Law, Fordham Law School

Panelists:
Tsedale M. Melaku, Author, You Don’t Look Like a Lawyer: Black Women and Systemic Gendered Racism
Cheryl L. Harris, Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Foundation Chair in Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, UCLA School of Law

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This event is presented in conjunction with
Fordham’s Black Law Student Association (BLSA)
Cheryl I. Harris
Cheryl I. Harris is the Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Foundation Chair in Civil Rights and Civil Liberties at UCLA School of Law where she teaches Constitutional Law, Civil Rights, Employment Discrimination, Critical Race Theory and Race Conscious Remedies.

A graduate of Wellesley College and Northwestern School of Law, Professor Harris began her teaching career in 1990 at Chicago-Kent College of Law 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 as part of the reform administration of Mayor Harold Washington of Chicago. The interconnections between racial theory, civil rights practice, politics, and human rights have been important to her work. She was a key organizer of several major conferences that helped establish a dialogue between U.S. legal scholars and South African lawyers during the development of South Africa’s first democratic constitution. This work played a significant role in the production of her acclaimed and influential article, “Whiteness as Property” (Harvard Law Review).

Since joining the UCLA Law faculty in 1998, Professor Harris has continued to produce groundbreaking scholarship in the field of Critical Race Theory, particularly engaging the issue of how racial frames shape our understanding and interpretation of significant events like Hurricane Katrina—("Whitewashing Race", in California Law Review), admissions policies (“The New Racial Preferences” in California Law Review) (with Carbado) and anti-discrimination law (“Reading Ricci: Whitening Discrimination, Race-ing Test Fairness” in UCLA Law Review) (with West-Faulcon).

She has also lectured widely on issues of race and equality at leading institutions here and abroad, including in Europe, South Africa, and Australia, 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, including the American Studies Association. She has served as faculty director for the Critical Race Studies Program at UCLA Law School and has been widely recognized as a groundbreaking teacher in the area of civil rights education, receiving the ACLU Foundation of Southern California’s Distinguished Professor Award for Civil Rights Education.

Tanya Katerí Hernández
Tanya Katerí Hernández, is the Archibald R. Murray Professor of Law at Fordham University School of Law, and Associate Director of Fordham’s Center on Race, Law and Justice. Professor Hernández’s scholarly interest is in the study of comparative race relations and anti-discrimination law, and her work in that area has been published in numerous university law reviews like Cornell, Harvard, N.Y.U., U.C. Berkeley, Yale and in news outlets like the New York Times, among other publications including her books Racial Subordination in Latin America: The Role of the State, Customary Law and the New Civil Rights Response (including Spanish and Portuguese translation editions) and Brill Research Perspectives in Comparative Law: Racial Discrimination. Her most recent publication is the book Multiracials and Civil Rights: Mixed-Race Stories of Discrimination.

Tsedale M. Melaku
Tsedale M. Melaku, is a Sociologist and postdoctoral research fellow at the Institute for Research on the African Diaspora in the Americas & the Caribbean (IRADAC) at The Graduate Center, City University of New York. Dr. Melaku received her Ph.D. and M.Phil. in Sociology from The Graduate Center, City University of New York and her B.A. in Sociology and Africana Studies from New York University. Her research focuses on how race and gender affect advancement in traditionally white institutional spaces, and how white racial framing and systemic gendered racism play a critical role in the experiences of women of color within organizations. She is particularly interested in the intersection of race, gender, and class and how they jointly operate on the experiences of black women in the workplace. Her current research theorizes invisible labor and its impact on marginalized individuals in the workplace. Dr. Melaku is an Ethiopian born New Yorker, Bronx raised, and Harlem resident. To learn more about her research and interests follow her on Twitter @TsedaleMelaku