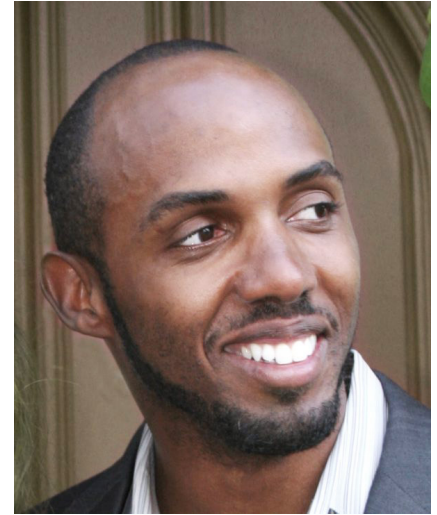


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cordially invites you to a guest lecture by

**Professor Devon Carbado**

Associate Vice-Chancellor of BruinX for Equity, Diversity  
and Inclusion and the Honorable Harry Pregerson  
Professor of Law at UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, USA

on

**'Constitutionalising Black Death? Race, Law and Police Violence in the  
United States'**

**Date and Time:** Tuesday, 24 April 2018 from 11:30 to 13:30

**Venue:** Room 1-48, Faculty of Law, Hatfield Campus, University of Pretoria

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## Constitutionalising Black Death? Race, Law, and Police Violence in the United States

The past four years likely will go down as a significant if not watershed period in the history of U.S. race relations. Police killing of African Americans has engendered further conversations about race and policing. Yet, in most of the discussions about these tragic deaths, little attention has been paid to a significant dimension of the police violence problem: the legalization of racial profiling in a body of U.S. constitutional law that is supposed to constrain police power: Fourth Amendment jurisprudence. This legalization of racial profiling is not a sideline or a peripheral feature of Fourth Amendment doctrine. It is embedded in the analytical structure of the doctrine in ways that enable police officers to force engagements with African Americans with little or no basis. The frequency of these engagements exposes African Americans not only to the violence of ongoing police surveillance, contact, and social control but also to the violence of serious bodily injury and death. Which is to say, Fourth Amendment law facilitates the space between stopping black people and killing black people. My presentation will explain precisely how.



### Biography of Professor Devon Carbado

Devon Carbado is Associate Vice-Chancellor of BruinX for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion and the Honorable Harry Pregerson Professor of Law at UCLA School of Law. He teaches Constitutional Criminal Procedure, Constitutional Law, Critical Race Theory, and Criminal Adjudication. He has won numerous teaching awards, including being elected Professor of the Year by the UCLA School of Law classes of 2000 and 2006 and received the Law School's Rutter Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2003 and the University's Distinguished Teaching Award, the Eby Award for the Art of Teaching in 2007. In 2005 Professor Carbado was named an inaugural recipient of the Fletcher Foundation Fellowship. Modeled on the Guggenheim fellowships, it is awarded to scholars whose work furthers the goals of *Brown v. Board of Education*.

Professor Carbado writes in the areas of employment discrimination, criminal procedure, constitutional law, and identity. He is the author of *Acting White? Rethinking Race in "Post-Racial" America* (Oxford University Press) (with Mitu Gulati) and the editor of several volumes, including *Race Law Stories* (Foundation Press) (with Rachel Moran), *The Long Walk to Freedom: Runaway Slave Narratives* (Beacon Press) (with Donald Weise), and *Time on Two Crosses: The Collective Writings of Bayard Rustin* (Cleis Press) (with Donald Weise). A board member of the African American Policy Forum, Professor Carbado was the Shikes Fellow in Civil Liberties and Visiting Professor of Law at Harvard Law School in 2012.

Professor Carbado graduated from Harvard Law School in 1994. At Harvard, he was editor-in-chief of the *Harvard Black Letter Law Journal*, a member of the Board of Student Advisors, and winner of the Northeast Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition. Carbado joined the UCLA School of Law faculty in 1997. He served as Vice Dean for Faculty and Research at the School of Law from 2006-07, and again in 2009-10. Professor Carbado is currently working on a book on race, law, and police violence.