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Event Announcement:

RACE, RACISM and MENTAL HEALTH

November 16-17, 2018

The **Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice** at Harvard Law School and the **Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee** of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court invite you to a 1-1/2 day conference, **Friday, November 16th and Saturday, November 17th** on “Race, Racism and Mental Health.”

Friday’s agenda will feature a keynote by David Williams, Ph.D., of the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, on “What is Racism?” followed by panels and discussions on:

- “The Experience of Irrational White Fear: #LivingWhileBlack”
- “The Impact of Everyday Racism”
- Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Mental Health Treatment- Learning (and Teaching) Cultural Humility

Saturday will focus on potential legal approaches and solutions. A panel on “Race, Mental Illness and the Justice System” will precede discussion break-outs on “Reforming Policing” and “Efforts to Combat Mass Incarceration.”

Panelists are expected to include Professor Dehlia Umunna, of Harvard Law School’s Criminal Justice Institute; Phillipe Copeland, Ph.D., of the Boston University School of Social Work; Benjamin Lê Cook, Ph.D., Center for Multicultural Mental Health Research and Health Equity Research Lab, Cambridge Health Alliance, Harvard Medical School Department of Psychiatry; Renee Graham, *Boston Globe*; Paul Marcus, Communities for Change; Lolita Parker, Jr.; Sana Fadel, Juvenile Justice Coalition; Lizz Matos, Prisoners Legal Services; Marlies Spanjaard, YAD (Youth Advocacy Division of the Committee for Public Counsel Services) Education Law Project; Valeria Chambers, The Transformation Center; Oyenike Balogun-Mwangi, Ph.D., Salve Regina University; Natalie Cort, Ph.D., William James College; Lisa Thureau, Strategies for Youth; Nyamuon Nguany-Machar, Youth Move Maine.

Although we expect the primary audience to be lawyers and law students, the discussions are likely to include an array of professionals.

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