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## (MIS)UNDERSTANDING CRITICAL RACE THEORY

Friday, Aug. 20, 2021 at 12 p.m.





## SPEAKER

### Hasan Kwame Jeffries

Associate Professor of  
History, The Ohio State  
University



In 2020, the City of Cleveland declared racism a public health crisis, bringing to the forefront honest conversations about systemic racism's influence on equity, access, and human rights. Yet, the debate around Critical Race Theory has been heating up nationwide. In Ohio, two bills are circulating through the statehouse attempting to limit discussion on race in the classroom, and local school boards are grappling with feedback from both sides of the aisles.

But what exactly is Critical Race Theory? And what is it NOT? And how has this framework of analysis become the new punching bag in the culture wars of the country?

Join us, in-person at the City Club as we welcome Dr. Hasan Kwame Jeffries, Associate Professor of History at The Ohio State University. Dr. Jeffries has worked on several public history projects. From 2010 to 2014, he was the lead historian and primary scriptwriter for the \$27 million renovation of the National Civil Rights Museum at the Lorraine Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee, the site of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He hosts the podcast "Teaching Hard History: American Slavery," a production of the Southern Poverty Law Center's Teaching Tolerance Project. Dr. Jeffries has also contributed to several documentary film projects, including the Emmy nominated PBS documentary Black America Since MLK, as a featured on-camera scholar.

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### Thursday, Aug. 26 at 12 p.m. In-Person Forum **Stronger Together: Collaboration Between Health Systems During COVID-19**

In the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic, reliable scientific consensus and critical epidemiologic information about the virus was often inconsistent. Despite having programs and protocols in place for this sort of challenge, the pandemic caught hospitals and healthcare providers off guard. To address urgent public health needs, the moment called for collaboration across traditional silos and required Northeast Ohio's world class health systems to find common ground.

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### Friday, Aug. 27 at 12 p.m. In-Person Forum **Believing in Home**

When a family moves into an affordable home, it has the potential to transform lives. Yet, homeownership is inaccessible for many families. Historic policies like redlining are at the root of the wealth gap found in communities of color—leading to common barriers today like expensive down payments and difficulty securing low-interest loans. This opened the door to predatory lenders and housing scams to prey on low-to-moderate income buyers. Now, with the recent surge in housing prices, homeownership is further out of reach.

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### Friday, Sept. 3 at 12 p.m. In-Person Forum **How Rights Went Wrong: Why Our Obsession with Rights in Tearing America Apart**

Rights are a sacred part of American identity. Yet they also are the source of some of our greatest divisions. The varying responses to preventative measures enacted to stem the COVID-19 pandemic is a clear example of these divisions—especially today as students return to in-classroom instruction. Jamal Greene argues that the system of legal absolutism distorts our law, debases our politics, and exacerbates our differences rather than helping to bridge them.

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