The Department of Religion announces the Frederick C. Wood Lecture in the honor of Professor Larry Mamiya



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The Color Line and the Culture Wars: Religion, Education and Sub-rosa Morality in the Age of Obama

> Monday April 7, 2014 5:30-7:00pm Taylor Hall 203 Open to the Public.

In recognition and honor of Professor Lawerence Mamiya's ongoing legacy as a scholar-activist, this lecture will address W.E.B. Du Bois' formulation of "the color line" as symbolic of America's nature and disposition towards people deemed "a problem." Key among this postmodern development is the moral conflict resulting from the schism between religion and education which has supplanted the aims of justice and social change. Drawing attention to the ongoing culture wars indicative of a politically correct and posteverything era, Floyd-Thomas will address this shortcoming through a critical examination of universal principles, institutional will, and individual ability in the quest for complex subjectivity amidst social crisis.

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