KU DEPT OF PSYCHOLOGY

Social Psychology Program Welcomes

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4:00 PM
Fraser Hall Rm 547

Title: Racial Contrast

At the center of the SFFA v. Harvard Supreme Court case, the plaintiffs argued that Asian Americans were discriminated against in favor of unqualified Black applicants. This echoes a pattern of historical tensions between the Asian and Black communities. Why do Black and Asian Americans seem more at odds with each other than any other racial minority groups? This talk seeks to unravel the frayed relations between Asian and Black Americans by introducing a new theoretical framework called Racial Contrast Theory. I theorize that Asian Americans are contrasted against Black Americans through stereotypes and narratives. In essence, the creation of the Asian model minority myth serves as a direct contrast to Black stereotypes. Racial contrast theory offers a novel (re-)interpretation of extant social psychological and sociological theories to better understand interracial relations in the US.

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