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RACE AND IDENTITY PANEL

Thursday, November 11, 2021
1-2 p.m.
Barco Law Building, Room 113

This panel will share insights and reflections regarding racial and political identity and explore several questions including: who gets to decide who is in a racial-political group and who is not; what does it mean to identify as a member of a particular racial-political group; who gets to decide that meaning and who gets to determine what is and is not pejorative to a racial-political group.

FEATURED PANELISTS:

Mohammed Bamyeh is currently a chair of the Board of the Arab Council for the Social Sciences (ACSS), and a professor of Sociology at the University of Pittsburgh. Palestinian by origin, he lived in seven countries across four continents, and witnessed revolutions and civil wars first hand.

James Pasch serves as the Regional Director of the Anti-Defamation League in Cleveland. James oversees the ADL territory which serves Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Western Pennsylvania. The former attorney and Beachwood city councilman, received his JD from Case Western Reserve University School of Law in 2010.

Michele Reid-Vazquez is an Associate Professor in the Department of Africana Studies; director of the Afrolatinidad Studies Initiative, founding director of the Center for Ethnic Studies Research, and project director of the National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute in Afro-Latin American and Afro-Latinx Studies at the University of Pittsburgh. Her research and teaching address the history of enslavement and freedom, race and gender relations.

Pitt Law Professor SpearIt is an internationally recognized scholar and teacher, whose work is widely cited in both the legal academy, university disciplines, and popular media. His work is known for its interdisciplinary rigor and for cutting-edge critical theory. One of his many publications includes his latest book American Prisons: A Critical Primer on Culture and Conversion to Islam (First Edition Design 2017).

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