

# The UC Davis Forums on the Public University and the Social Good

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## How Universities Sustain Racism in America

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Shaun R. Harper is a Provost Professor in the Rossier School of Education and the Marshall School of Business at the University of Southern California. He also is the Clifford and Betty Allen Chair in Urban Leadership, founder and executive director of the USC Race and Equity Center, and immediate past president of the Association for the Study of Higher Education. Dr. Harper's research focuses primarily on race, gender, and other dimensions of equity in an array of organizational contexts, including K-12 schools, colleges and universities, and corporate environments. He has published more than 100 peer-reviewed journal articles and other academic publications, and received more than \$13 million in research grants. Johns Hopkins University Press is publishing his 13th book, *Race Matters in College*.

His research has been cited in more than 8,000 published studies.

*The New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Chronicle of Higher Education*, and more than 11,000 news outlets have quoted Professor Harper and featured his research. He has interviewed on CNN, ESPN, and NPR, and has been recognized in *Education Week* as one of the 10 most influential professors in the field of education. Dr. Harper spent a decade on the University of Pennsylvania faculty, where he founded the Center for the Study of Race and Equity in Education.

In this forum, Dr. Harper will discuss the "negligence" of universities with respect to giving students meaningful learning experiences about race and racism. He will then explain the long-term consequences of sending college-educated Americans into the workforce without a proper course of study on racial realities, structural racism, and ways in which their actions maintain and at times exacerbate racial inequities. Dr. Harper will use data from his decade-long campus racial climate studies, which include face-to-face interviews with more than 10,000 students at dozens of colleges and universities across the United States.

#### **Lecture:**

2:30 to 4 p.m.

Multipurpose Room

Student Community Center

#### **Reception:**

4 to 5 p.m.

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