

**UCD School of Philosophy Presents
A Workshop on Race and Racism
Room D522, Newman Building, UCD, Belfield
Saturday October 13, 2.00 - 6.00 pm**

Programme

2.00 Ronit Lentin (Trinity College Dublin)

'Ireland: Racial state and states of deportability'

Dr Ronit Lentin is associate professor in sociology, former director of the MPhil in Race, Ethnicity, Conflict, and founder member of the Trinity Immigration Initiative, Trinity College Dublin. She has published numerous articles on racism in Ireland, gender, and Israel-Palestine. Her recent books include *Racism and Anti-racism in Ireland* (with Robbie McVeigh, 2002), *Women and the Politics of Military Confrontation: Palestinian and Israeli Gendered Narratives of Dislocation* (with Nahla Abdo 2002), *Re-presenting the Shoah for the 21st Century* (2004), *After Optimism? Ireland, Globalisation and Racism* (with Robbie McVeigh, 2006), *Performing Global Networks* (with Karen Fricker, 2007), *Race and State* (with Alana Lentin, 2008), *Thinking Palestine* (2008), *Co-Memory and Melancholia: Israelis Memorialising the Palestinian Nakba* (2010) and *Migrant Activism and Integration from Below in Ireland* (with Elena Moreo, 2012).

3.00 - 4.15 Graduate sessions

Corey L. Barnes (Philosophy, University of Memphis)

"The Moral Necessity of Reformers in Frederick Douglass."

Nicholas Kwesi Tsri (Equality Studies, University College Dublin)

"Why the use of the term 'black' for Africans should be abandoned"

4.15- 4.30 Coffee break

4.30 Bill E. Lawson (University of Memphis)

"Trayvon Martin, Racism, and the Dilemma of the African American Parent"

Bill E Lawson (PhD, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) is Distinguished Professor of Philosophy, University of Memphis where he teaches courses in the areas of African American philosophy and social and political philosophy. He was a Fulbright Fellow at University of Liverpool in 2011-12. Among his books are: *Pragmatism and the Problem of Race* (Eds. Bill E. Lawson and Donald Koch 2004), *My Bondage and My Freedom* (Introductory essay to Frederick Douglass Biography, 2002), *Faces of Environmental Racism* (Eds. Laura Westra and Bill E. Lawson 2001), *Frederick Douglass: A Critical Reader* (Eds. Bill E. Lawson and Frank Kirkland, 1999), *Between Slavery and Freedom: Philosophy and American Slavery* (with Howard McGary, 1992). Bill Lawson has testified before a United States Congressional Subcommittee on the issue of Welfare Reform and has published influential articles on environmental justice and on rap music and philosophy.