Racism and the Church
Webinar Series

Please join us for the Center for Church Management’s webinar series, “Racism and the Church.” Our speakers will review past and present instances of racism in the church and society, and share lessons and strategies to equip church leaders and their congregations to address racism more effectively.

Friday, August 21 at 11 a.m. EDT
From Systemic Racism and White Supremacy to Anti-Racism: Towards Justice and Equity in the Catholic Church

Tia Noelle Pratt, PhD, is a sociologist of religion specializing in systemic racism in the Catholic Church and how that racism impacts African-American Catholic identity. Dr. Pratt received her PhD from Fordham University and is the president and director of research at TNPratt & Associates, LLC - an Inclusion and Diversity consulting firm. Dr. Pratt has written for Faithfully, America, and Commonweal. She is currently working on her first book and is the curator of the #BlackCatholics Syllabus.

Friday, August 28 at 11 a.m. EDT
Why Black Catholic History Matters: An Interview with Dr. Shannen Dee Williams, Creator of #BlackHistoryIsCatholicHistory

Shannen Dee Williams, PhD, is the Albert Lepage Assistant Professor of History at Villanova University. A historian of the African-American experience with research and teaching specializations in women’s, religious, and Black freedom movement history, Dr. Williams is completing her first book, Subversive Habits: Black Catholic Nuns in the Long African-American Freedom Struggle, with Duke University Press. Dr. Williams’ research has been supported by a host of fellowships, grants, and awards and her work has been published in the Journal of African-American History, American Catholic Studies, America Magazine, the National Catholic Reporter, the Catholic News Service, and Religion Dispatches.

Friday, September 4 at 11 a.m. EDT
The Blind Shall See: Dismantling Institutional Racism - What Churches Can Learn from other Organizations

Terryl Brown, JD, MBA, ’19 MSCM, is the chief legal counsel/deputy commissioner for legal affairs and administration for the Fire Department of New York and distinguished Villanova MSCM alum. Brown oversees the management of ten units in the department and provides advice and counsel to the fire commissioner and his executive staff. She has a strong commitment to public service and has spent the majority of her legal career in government service. She was the first woman to serve as executive vice president and general counsel of the New York Power Authority. Brown has served as acting counsel to Governor David Paterson; first assistant counsel to Governor Eliot Spitzer; and counsel and chief ethics officer to Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman.

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