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Columbia University's Patricia Williams Will Discuss Civil Rights Oct. 21

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Patricia Williams, a professor of law at Columbia University, will deliver the Ben Hooks Lecture Thursday, Oct 21, at the University of Memphis. She will discuss "Civil Rights in an Era of Social Wrongs" at 4 p.m. in the University Center Faulkner Lounge, room 311. The event is free and open to the public.

Williams is one of the most provocative intellectuals in American law. In 2000 she received a "genius grant" from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. Her book *The Alchemy of Race and Rights: Diary of a Law Professor* was named one of the 25 best books of 1991 by *Voice Literary Supplement* and one of the "feminist classics of the last 20 years" by *Ms. Magazine*. Her other books include *The Rooster's Egg: On the Persistence of Prejudice* and *Seeing a Color-Blind Future: The Paradox of Race*. Her latest book, *Open House: Of Family, Friends, Food, Piano Lessons and the Search for a Room of My Own*, will be published in November.

Williams also is a columnist for *The Nation*. She is a graduate of Wellesley College and Harvard Law School.

The lecture is sponsored by the Benjamin L. Hooks Institute for Social Change, African and African-American Studies, the Center for Research on Women and the Department of History. For more information, call 678-2769 or e-mail bhi@memphis.edu.

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