



UC San Diego

**Eugene M. Burke CSP Lectureship**  
on Religion and Society

*A Free Public Lecture Series*



***“Post-Racial Blues:  
Religion and the 21st Century Color Line”***

**By J. Kameron Carter**

**The Lecturer**

Prof. J. Kameron Carter is Associate Professor of Systematic Theology and Black Church Studies at Duke Divinity School. Prof. Carter teaches courses in both theology and Black Church studies. Working as a theologian, he addresses the basic areas of Christian thought, especially attending to Christology (the person and work of Jesus Christ) and theological anthropology (the human being in Christian perspective). But in engaging such matters, he does so with a view not just to the church and to Christian believers. He does so with a view to the broader humanities, particularly, with an eye toward such fields as cultural studies, gender studies, philosophy and literature, as seen in his book *Race: A Theological Account* (Oxford University Press, 2008).

Professor Carter’s new book project focuses on the ideological uses of Jesus in the modern invention of the human, and thus in the making and sustaining of the present. Addressing this in its religious, secular, and now arguably post-secular forms, Professor Carter calls this the problem of “the cultural Jesus.” The project provides a theological, which at the same time is a cultural, archaeology of the present by getting inside of this problem. But beyond this, and having gotten inside of this problem, Professor Carter reimagines the identity of Jesus and the politics of his identity in light of the new, global realities of the 21st century.

**The Lecture Series**

The Burke Lectureship sponsors semi-annual lectures that focus on the religious dimensions of being human and explore the functions and responsibilities of religion in society and its social and cultural impact. The lectures have a scholarly, analytical, and thought-provoking orientation in accordance with their university setting and also with Father Burke’s conviction that religion is rendered more meaningful by study and analysis. The Burke Lectureship seeks to enrich UC San Diego, with which it is interrelated, by facilitating a conversation about religion, welcoming scholarly interchange, and stimulating further study.

The lectureship is endowed in honor of Eugene M. Burke, a Catholic priest of the Paulist order who served in campus ministry at UC San Diego after a distinguished career as a professor of theology at Catholic University of America. He was president of the Catholic Theological Society of America and an advisor to the United Nations Commission that drew up the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. He was also a strong supporter and practitioner of respectful, amicable dialogue among people of different religious traditions.

**Thursday, October 29, 2015**  
**6:00 p.m.**

Multi-Purpose Room,  
UCSD Student Services Center

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