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## **Eastern to Host Lecture by Harvard Law Professor and Author**

**Willimantic, Conn.** – On Monday, Feb. 25, noted author and prominent legal theorist Charles J. Ogletree, Jr. will give the African American History Month Distinguished Lecture at Eastern Connecticut State University. The lecture, which is free and open to the public, is titled, “Racial Fatigue and Racial Amnesia: Is *Brown v. Board of Education* Still Relevant?” It will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Betty R. Tipton Room of the Student Center. A book signing will immediately follow the lecture.

Ogletree is the Harvard Law School Jesse Climenko Professor of Law and executive director of the Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice at Harvard University. The institute, named in honor of the lawyer who spearheaded the litigation in *Brown v. Board of Education*, focuses on a variety of issues related to race and justice.

Ogletree’s books include “From Lynch Mobs to the Killing State: Race and The Death Penalty in America,” co-authored with Professor Austin Sarat of Amherst College; “All Deliberate Speed: Reflections on the First Half-Century of *Brown v. Board of Education*,” a historical memoir published in 2004; and “Brown at 50: The Unfinished Legacy,” co-authored by Professor Deborah Rhode of Stanford University. Ogletree is also one of the co-authors of “Beyond the Rodney King Story: An Investigation of Police

Misconduct in Minority Communities,” and a contributor to many journals and law reviews.

A native of Merced, CA, Ogletree holds B.A. and M.A. degrees in political science from Stanford University and a J.D. from Harvard Law School. He is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including the Rosa Parks Civil Rights Award from the City of Boston; the Hugo A. Bedau Award from the Massachusetts Anti-Death Penalty Coalition; and selection by “Ebony Magazine” in 2006 as one of the “100 Most Influential Black Americans.”

Seating for the lecture is limited. Reservations are requested before Feb. 22 by calling (860) 465-0680 or sending an e-mail to [lecture@easternct.edu](mailto:lecture@easternct.edu).

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