

Thelton E. Henderson Center for Social Justice
presents the Fall 2009 Practitioner-in-Residence Panel Discussion:

Racial Profiling and Police Brutality: What's Gender Got to Do With It?

Wednesday, October 7, 2009

4:00 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.

Goldberg Room (297 Simon Hall)

This year's murder of Oscar Grant by BART Police and arrest of Harvard Professor Henry Louis Gates once again catapulted issues of racial profiling and police misconduct to the national stage, sparking commentary from everyone from the newly elected President on down. The heightened attention to profiling and policing which followed each of these incidents offered an opportunity to examine the full scope of police misconduct as experienced by all members of our communities. But in each instance, public discourse around police misconduct remained largely limited to its impacts on the "usual suspects" – men of color.

This reaction erases the experiences of profiling and abuse suffered by women and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people of color. It also erases the central role of gender and sex policing in race-based policing practices. Our panel discussion will bring together activists, academics and attorneys from across the Bay Area and will challenge us to expand our analysis of the forms and impacts of police misconduct, bringing the experiences of women and LGBT people of color to the center of our analysis, organizing, and advocacy.