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## **Asian Studies Program Presents:**

## History of Race in East Asia

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**Abstract:** This talk will examine the influence of race in East Asia by examining the significant social, political, and economic influence of race on modern Chinese, Japanese, and Korean history. How race has developed into the numerous social, political, and economic forms that it has taken today will also be discussed.

**Bio:** Melvin Barnes Jr. is a teacher-scholar specializing in East Asian, Transnational, and African American history. He is currently a program officer at the Ohio Humanities Council. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Toledo and his Ph.D. from The Ohio State University. Melvin's research explores race in East Asia in a transnational context. In 2020, he successfully defended his dissertation, "Revolution & Race: The Chinese Imagination of the African American Freedom Struggle, 1920-1989."

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