

The Centre for Feminist Research, the School of Women's Studies, and the Graduate Programme in Women's Studies at York University Present:

Visiting Scholar

ELIZABETH HIGGINBOTHAM

**WAITING FOR MENTORS: BLACK WOMEN
ATTORNEYS NEGOTIATE GENDERED RACISM
TO CREATE CAREERS**

This talk will explore the meaning of race, gender and class in legal workplaces that impact the professional socialization of Black American women attorneys. Higginbotham examines the careers of Black women attorneys who graduated from American law schools between 1974 and 1990 to identify the nature of barriers in their workplaces and the impact on their careers.

Wednesday, October 26th

2:30-4:00 p.m.

Harry Crowe Room (109 Atkinson)

A reception with light refreshments to follow

Elizabeth Higginbotham is currently a Professor in the Department of Sociology with appointments in Women's Studies and Black American Studies at the University of Delaware. She was one of the founders of the Center for Research on Women at the University of Memphis, where she was located between 1983 and 1998. Her scholarship has been in the areas of race, class and gender with attention to issue of education and employment. Higginbotham is the author of *Too Much to Ask: Black Women in the Era of Integration* (University of North Carolina Press, 2001); co-editor of *Women and Work: Exploring Race, Ethnicity, and Class* (Sage Publications, 1997) and *Race and Ethnicity in Society: The Changing Landscape*, third edition (Wadsworth, 2012) with Margaret L. Andersen. Her articles appear in *Gender & Society*, *Women's Studies Quarterly*, *SIGNS*, and many edited collections.



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