

**MacMillan Brown annual lecture series**

***Dilemmas of our time:  
Unconscious (implicit) bias and race relations***

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In spite of our best efforts to treat others in an equitable and fair manner, as humans, we are prone to *unconscious racial bias*. Life experiences, the media, the influence of peers, etc. can contribute to the development of unconscious and unintended bias. We are often surprised when we exhibit behaviors reflective of negative biases – behaviors that can differ from our conscious, or explicit attitudes. Focused and deliberate strategies hold promise for managing the expression of negative implicit racial biases.

What are some critical lessons for us in the aftermath of Christchurch 15/3?

**About Dr Benjamin Reese Jr**

Clinical psychologist and Vice President for Institutional Equity at Duke University and Head of Duke Hospital System. Immediate past president of the US National Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education (NADOHE). Represented both International Council of Psychologists and the World Federation for Mental Health at the United Nations. In 2016, the North Carolina Business Journal awarded him their *Lifetime Diversity Achievement Award* in recognition of almost 50 years of leadership of issues of race relations and diversity. Specialize in implicit bias, race relations, diversity/inclusion training, and conflict resolution. More than 45 years experience in race relations and diversity and is a highly sought after national and international speaker, workshop facilitator and consultant to higher education, not-for-profit organizations, and the corporate environment.

**Venue: A3 Lecture theatre, University of Canterbury**

**Time: 6-8pm, Thurs 25 July 2019**

Refreshments will be served

**ALL WELCOME**