

# NAVIGATING THE DEREK CHAUVIN TRIAL FOR THE MURDER OF GEORGE FLOYD

Join experts from UVA's Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy, the UVA School of Law and the University Police Department for a four-part series examining Derek Chauvin's ongoing trial for the death of George Floyd, a Black man accused of using a counterfeit \$20 bill at a convenience store on May 25, 2020. Floyd was pronounced dead shortly after then-Officer Chauvin knelt on his neck for 9 minutes and 29 seconds during an arrest that appeared otherwise non-violent. During the ongoing trial, witnesses have described their own trauma from being present at the scene and feeling powerless to intervene or help in any way.

This series is co-sponsored by the Batten School, the UVA Law Center for Criminal Justice and the University Police Department. All events are free and open to the public. Please visit [batten.virginia.edu/about/events](https://batten.virginia.edu/about/events) for the most up-to-date information on the event series.

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## PART 1: UNDERSTANDING THE CASE

**April 7, 2021**  
**5-6PM EDT**  
**REGISTER**

UVA Law professor Anne Coughlin will discuss the trial of Derek Chauvin, the former Minneapolis police officer on trial for the death of George Floyd. What are the charges and what do they mean? Where does the case stand now and what can we expect moving forward in the coming weeks?

## PART II. AT AN INFLECTION POINT: THE LAW & POLICING

**April 14, 2021**  
**5-6PM EDT**  
**REGISTER**

UVA Law professor Anne Coughlin and Batten School professor Brian N. Williams will co-moderate a panel discussion that draws upon subject matter experts to discuss a range of police topics, including the history of the profession, its culture, standards and training, accountability mechanisms and future efforts to reform.

Panelists include Rachel Harmon, director of the UVA Law Center for Criminal Justice; Shannon Dion, director of the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services; Harvey Powers, director of the Division of Law Enforcement for the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Service; Gary Corder, academy director for the Baltimore Police Department; and DeAnza Cook, PhD candidate at Harvard University.

### **PART III. OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADVOCACY AND HEALING**

**April 20, 2021  
5-6PM EDT  
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Cortney Hawkins, the University Police Department's diversity officer, and Marrissa Jones, the Batten School's social equity advisor, will co-moderate a panel discussion with community organizers, activists and scholars with expertise in organizing advocacy efforts, collective healing and trust building in response to instances of racial injustice. The ongoing and disparate impacts of racism and systematic oppression can lead to higher rates of racial trauma and mental health concerns, demonstrating the need for community healing. The panelists will speak to the importance of bridging advocacy and healing to strengthen communities.

### **PART IV. REFLECTING ON THE VERDICT** **Date and Time To Be Announced**

There are many questions brewing ahead of the verdict of Derek Chauvin's trial: What will be the nation's collective response if Chauvin is acquitted? What if he is convicted? In the final event of the series, Ian Solomon, dean of the Batten School, will lead a community roundtable discussion reflecting on the outcome of the trial. What can we as a community collectively aspire toward in response to the verdict of this landmark case?