

Biography

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Dr. Ronnie A. Dunn is an associate professor of Urban Studies at the Maxine-Levin Goodman College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University. He is an urban sociologist that teaches classes in *Public Safety & Justice Management*, *Contemporary Urban Issues*, and *African-American Images in Film*, and a research associate in the Criminology Research Center at Cleveland State. His research interests include issues affecting minorities and the urban poor, with a specific focus on race, crime, and the criminal justice system. His particular area of expertise is racial profiling, as reflected in his 2011 book, *Racial Profiling: Causes and Consequences* (Kendall-Hunt Publishing Co.). The empirical research in this text led to the use of traffic cameras in the city of Cleveland, which was intended as a means to reduce the racial bias in traffic enforcement. The use of traffic cameras was soon adopted by municipalities throughout the state. Some of his other scholarly publications in this area include, “The Marginalization and Criminalization of the Black Male Image in Postmodern in America,” in the book *Color Behind Bars* (2014), and *The Relevance of Race in Citizen Complaints Against the Police*, in the journal *Administrative Theory & Praxis* (2010). It was his recommendation to former-State Senator Nina Turner and Senator Sandra William to call on Governor John Kasich to establish a statewide commission on policing that led to the creation of The Ohio Taskforce on Police-Community Relations, to which Dr. Dunn was appointed. He was also invited to and provided written testimony to the President’s Taskforce on 21st Century Policing and has travelled to Washington on several occasions to lobby legislators on Capitol Hill for reforms within the criminal justice system. Dr. Dunn is intimately involved in the efforts to address issues relative to race, policing, and community-police relations within the city of Cleveland, the state of Ohio, and the nation.

Dr. Dunn serves as the chairman of the Board of Commissioners for the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority, the oldest and 12th largest public housing agency in the nation. He is also chair of the Cleveland NAACP’s Criminal Justice Committee, as well as active in a number of professional and civic organizations. He is a frequently sought after commentator in the media and the community, he’s the president of Dunn Research & Consulting, a research and evaluation firm, and a U.S. Air Force veteran.