

What: **Panel Discussion – “Talking About Race: Can We Be Civil”**

When: Wed, February 6, 5:30pm – 7:00pm

Where: Student Union Theatre

This panel discussion will consider the level of civility in our conversations about race. The panel plans to include the audience in their conversation.

Panel members:

Rev. Mark Ford, Executive Director, Love Akron (<http://www.loveakron.org>)

Dennis Butts, Jr.

Moderator: Dr. John Green, Director, Ray C. Bliss Institute

This panel is sponsored by The Ohio Civility Project (<http://www.uakron.edu/bliss/civility-project.dot>).

The mission of the Ohio Civility Project is to return civility to our public discourse in Akron, Ohio, and beyond.

The *Akron Beacon Journal*, a partner in the Ohio Civility Project, has published a number of articles about civility and race:

[“Blacks and whites have different perspectives on racism, responsibility and news events”](#)

[“In a black community where kids learn to be angry, there are no quiet nights”](#)

[“Hopes are the same, but life experiences divide the races”](#)

[“Students hopeful race relations will get better”](#)

[“We’re hurting each other. Are we able to stop?”](#)

[“Barberton teacher put his anger in check in 1968, learned of quiet kindness years later”](#)

[“Strong religious views can contribute to incivility”](#)

[“Teaching civility challenges clergy”](#)