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](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](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”