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# **Psychoanalysis and the Invention of “Racism”**

A Talk with Christopher Chamberlin  
& Fernando Castrillon

# PSYCHOANALYSIS AND THE INVENTION OF "RACISM"

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2020, 7-9PM  
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This talk explores how denunciations of the madness of racism shaped an understanding of white supremacy and the "afterlife of slavery," and critiques how Freudian social theorists in the interwar United States later attempted to consolidate racism into a scientific object of investigation.

Christopher Chamberlin is the President's Postdoctoral Fellow in English at UC Berkeley. He received his Ph.D. in Culture and Theory at UC Irvine in 2018. He has published in *Studies in Gender and Sexuality*, *Discourse*, *Journal of Medical Humanities*, and *Psychoanalysis, Culture & Society*, and serves on the editorial boards of the journal in *Psychoanalysis, Culture & Society* and the *European Journal of Psychoanalysis*. Dr. Chamberlin is currently finishing a monograph that examines how Freudian practitioners analyzed antiblack racism during the Civil Rights Era.

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