

Dr. Ronnie A. Dunn Biographical Sketch

Dr. Ronnie A. Dunn, is the Interim Chief Diversity Officer, and an Associate Professor of Urban Studies at Cleveland State University. As the Chief Diversity Officer, he is the senior administrator responsible for developing policies and practices that enhance diversity, equity, and inclusion across the university and in its engagement with the broader community. Dr. Dunn is an urban sociologist whose research interests and publications to-date have focused on the substantive areas of: race, ethnicity, and the criminal justice system; police accountability and police-community relations; and racial and ethnic disparities in health and education. He has particular expertise in the issue of racial profiling, which led to the use of traffic cameras in the city of Cleveland and municipalities throughout Ohio, and former Governor John Kasich's appointment of a statewide taskforce and advisory board on Community-Police relations responsible for establishing statewide minimum standards in policing. He was also appointed to the Ohio COVID-19 Minority Health Strike Force by Governor Mike DeWine.

His recent scholarly publications include, Crime as a Social Problem in *Investigating Social Problems* (Sage Publications, 2021), Race & Policing in Ohio: The Loss of Hope Cross the River Jordan, in *The Legacy of Legacy Cities* (University of Pittsburgh Press, 2019), *Boycotts, Busing, & Beyond: The History & Implications of School Desegregation in the Urban North* (Kendall-Hunt Publishing, 2016), Increasing Cultural Competency Among Medical Care Providers in *The Handbook of African American Health: Social and Behavioral Interventions* (Springer, 2011) and *Racial Profiling: Causes & Consequences* (Kendall-Hunt Publishing, 2010).

Dr. Dunn is the past-chair of the Cuyahoga County Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) Board of Commissioners, on which he served for seven-years, and the Criminal Justice Committee of the Cleveland NAACP, in which he has and continues to serve as a consultant regarding criminal justice matters both locally and throughout the state on behalf of the Ohio Chapter of the NAACP. He is a nationally recognized, frequently sought-after media commentator on issues of race, racial politics, policing, and criminal justice and has been interviewed and quoted in over 100 local, national, and international media outlets, including PBS New Hour, MSNBC, CNN, The Sunday London Times, and the BBC. Dunn is a native Clevelander, an Air Force veteran and the father of one adult son, Mel.