



Failures of Forgiveness: What We Get Wrong and How to Do Better

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Thursday, October 5, 2023, 7:00 PM (on Zoom)

Register: www.bit.ly/CherryFANWebinar

PLUS: After-Hours Event!

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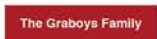
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Thursday, October 5, 2023, 7:00 PM, Failures of Forgiveness: What We Get Wrong and How to Do Better, a FAN webinar featuring Myisha Cherry, Ph.D., in conversation with Danté Stewart.

REGISTER: www.bit.ly/CherryFANWebinar.

BONUS AFTER-HOURS EVENT: Attendees who purchase a copy of *Failures of Forgiveness* from FAN's partner bookseller The Book Stall are invited to attend an AFTER-HOURS event hosted by Prof. Cherry and Mr. Stewart that will start immediately after the webinar. Details on the webinar registration page.

Myisha Cherry, Ph.D.'s investigation of forgiveness began after the mass shooting at Emanuel A.M.E. Church in Charleston, South Carolina, when some who had lost loved ones forgave what seemed unforgiveable. She was troubled by observers who focused on this "inspiring" response over the racial hatred that led to this tragedy. As associate professor of philosophy at the University of California, Riverside, where she also directs the Emotion and Society Lab, she was moved to pin down the potential and pitfalls of how we make amends—to provide careful, moral prescriptions.

Prof. Cherry's new book, *Failures of Forgiveness: What We Get Wrong and How to Do Better* is a reckoning with widespread, wrongheaded beliefs. She examines how forgiveness can go wrong in families, between friends, at work, in the media, and in politics. Prof. Cherry addresses forgiveness and race, cancelling versus forgiving, forgiving yourself, and more. She argues that we can forgive and still be angry; there can be good reasons not to forgive; and forgiving a wrong without tackling root causes solves nothing.

Providing new pathways to think about the ways we expect and react to wrongdoing, Prof. Cherry offers in-depth advice and takeaways, including 1) Forgiveness entails forgivers, withholders, and requestors, not just villains and victims; 2) Forgiveness is not an action or a process, but rather a set of moral practices; 3) It can end with relief, release, or reconciliation; and 4) Forgiveness will not save us but changing our relationship with it will get us closer to saving ourselves.

Prof. Cherry is the author of *The Case for Rage: Why Anger Is Essential to Anti-Racist Struggle* and *UnMuted: Conversations on Prejudice, Oppression, and Social Justice*, which draws on her popular podcast *UnMute*. She will be in conversation with **Danté Stewart**, is a theologian, essayist, cultural critic, and author of *Shoutin' In The Fire: An American Epistle*.

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