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Dr. Ronnie A. Dunn is an associate professor of Urban Studies at the Maxine-Levin Goodman College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University. He is an urban sociologist that teaches classes in *Public Safety & Justice Management*, *Contemporary Urban Issues*, and *African-American Images in Film*, and a research associate in the Criminology Research Center at Cleveland State. His research interests include issues affecting minorities and the urban poor, with a specific focus on race, crime, and the criminal justice system. His particular area of expertise is racial profiling, as reflected in his 2011 book, *Racial Profiling: Causes and Consequences* (Kendall-Hunt Publishing Co.). This research led to the use of traffic cameras in the city of Cleveland, which was intended as a means to reduce the racial bias in traffic enforcement. His recommendation to then-State Senator and current Board commissioner Nina Turner, calling for a statewide commission on policing led to Governor Kasich's establishment of The Statewide Taskforce on Police-Community Relations, to which both Dr. Dunn and Commissioner Turner were appointed. He also provided written testimony to the President's Taskforce on 21st Century Policing, has travelled to Washington on several occasions lobbying legislators on Capitol Hill for reforms within the criminal justice system. Dr. Dunn is intimately involved in the efforts to address issues relative to police-community relations within the city of Cleveland as well as throughout Cuyahoga County and the State.

Dr. Dunn is a frequent commentator in the media and the community. He is a native Clevelander, a John Adams alumnus, and an Air Force veteran. He has one adult son, Mel, and enjoys playing and attending basketball games, the theater, and collecting classic cars.