Some believe the word “thug” does not carry racist connotations, but Professor Luvell Anderson contends that it is a racial slur that can be appropriated as a form of resistance. In this lecture, he will share his insights on the term and its use.

Anderson specializes in the philosophy of language and race, specifically racial slurs. His work concentrates on the semantics and ethics of racial language, racist humor and the normativity of offense.