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# How Killing

# Black Children

## is an American Tradition

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2017 at 6 PM**  
Alumni Memorial Building, Cox Auditorium

Drawing from her work and research on black child advocacy, Patton will discuss the sexualization of black children, denial of innocence, and lynching of black children as young as age four. She will take the audience through the racialization process of black children, which begins in the womb, then at the moment of birth, through infancy, adolescence, and then the destruction of black children by puberty. She argues that killing black children is a necessary part of maintaining white supremacy in the United States. This reality, in turn, informs so much of the fear in black parenting, which manifests itself in the physical punishment of black children through "whopping."



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