Posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) is describes the constellation of symptoms that may occur after experiencing or witnessing a traumatic event. Anyone who has been exposed to traumatic events that causes a serious fear for their life or the lives of others is at risk to develop PTSD, and this typically includes survivors of violent acts or disasters, emergency responders, abuse victims, and combat veterans. However, many other events can be traumatic as well, particularly to people of color, including police harassment, workplace discrimination, community violence, distressing childbirth experiences, and incarceration. This presentation will provide an overview of the cultural factors relevant to African Americans and other stigmatized minority groups, with an emphasis on understanding and assessing PTSD caused by experiences of racism, or racial trauma. Dr. Williams will describe the various facets of racial trauma, including the experience of historical, cultural, and individual trauma, and how these may or may not fit into a DSM-5 framework. The presentation will also describe techniques clinicians can utilize to assess race-based stress and trauma. The presentation will include case examples and opportunities will be provided for participants to ask questions.