



COLLEGE OF
Education & Human Services

THINK TANK

DECEMBER 1 & 2

FEATURING

DR. CRYSTAL LAURA

Keynote Address

**“IF BLACK LIVES MATTER—AT SCHOOL,
TOO—THEN ACT LIKE YOU KNOW.”**

December 1, 6:30 p.m.

Student Union Ballroom

Join us at the keynote talk as Dr. Crystal Laura addresses the current sociopolitical context of education for young Black students, including our expanding prison nation and the trauma it imposes on incarcerated individuals, their families, and the community. As part of her talk she will offer 10 specific suggestions for how to affirm black lives in schools.

Think Tank Session

December 2

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Student Union Ballroom

Be a part of the full-day Think Tank activities as we again hear from Dr. Crystal Laura and broaden the discussion around including school and community based efforts that can disrupt the school-to-prison pipeline. The goal of the think tank is to develop individual and collective commitments to address the issues raised throughout Dr. Laura's talk and the resulting discussions. Come to learn and be part of the solution!

No cost to attend, but registration is required at coehs.nku.edu/thinktank1

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CRYSTAL T. LAURA (Ph.D., University of Illinois, Chicago) is Associate Professor of Educational Leadership at Chicago State University. She is the author of the award-winning book, *Being Bad: My Baby Brother and the School-to-Prison Pipeline*, a powerful account of one family's odyssey through the American gulag--jail and prison, before that school and special education, and then the temptations and the perils of the streets--and their struggle to disrupt a narrative with its brutal conclusion seemingly already written. Dr. Laura is a gifted storyteller, who uses anthropological techniques and sociological lenses to describe in fine detail the current context of urban education, and the hopeful possibilities of how things can be otherwise.

