As the need for a national discussion on race becomes increasingly urgent, a leading scholar challenges us to be fearless in speaking about topics that are often whispered in secret. John L. Jackson, Jr. draws from his ethnographic research around the world to make a case for reimagining how we discuss race and racism in scholarly debates and public discourse. Jackson is Dean of the School of Social Policy & Practice and Richard Perry University Professor at the University of Pennsylvania, with appointments in both Anthropology and the Annenberg School for Communication. His most recent book, a collaboration with journalist Cora Daniels, is *Impolite Conversations: On Race, Politics, Sex, Money and Religion*.