



HEALTH DISPARITIES BIOETHICS WORKSHOP

*Genetics & Race:
Medical, Ethical and Social Implications*

Troy Duster, PhD
New York University

Author of *Backdoor to Eugenics* and
*Whitewashing Race: The Myth of a
Color-blind society*

Jose Fernandez, PhD

University of Alabama at Birmingham
Genetic Admixture and Racial
Declassification

Adewale Troutman, MD, MPH

University of Louisville
CDC Health Disparities Committee
Author of *What If We Were Equal? A
Comparison Of The Black-White Mortality
Gap In 1960 and 2000*



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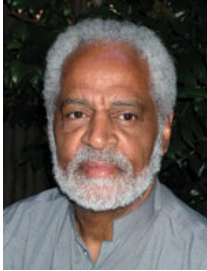
8:30 am

Registration and Welcome

9:00 – 9:30 am

Troy Duster, PhD

*Professor of Sociology, Institute for the History of the Production of Knowledge
Department of Sociology, New York University*



Dr. Duster has written extensively on how science has informed our ideas of race as well as how race must be considered within science. His work insists that, even if race may not be apparent at the genomic level, it certainly exists as a social construct. Dr. Duster has studied the role of race in many elements of society beyond molecular biology, including the campus, the penal system, and the labor market.

Currently, he is on the Board of Directors of the National Coalition of Universities in the Public Interest, and the Humanities Research Institute at the University of California, Berkeley.

9:30 – 10:00 am

Jose R. Fernandez, PhD

*Associate Professor, Department of Nutrition Sciences
Associate Professor, Department of Biostatistics
University of Alabama in Birmingham*



Dr. Fernández obtained his Ph.D. in Biobehavioral Health from The Pennsylvania State University, training in genetics of complex traits, and moved to a post doctoral training at the New York Obesity Research Center at Columbia University where he focused on genetics of obesity and received specialized training in statistical models to improve the identification of genetic and environmental influences on obesity.

His main research interest is the identification of genetic influences that contribute to racial differences in obesity and metabolic disorders. He uses the genetic admixture approach as a tool to decompose the genetic component underlying racial and ethnic differences and applies statistical methods to understand the relationship and interactions between genes and environment.

10:00 – 10:30 am

Adewale Troutman, MD, MPH, MA

*Associate Professor, School of Public Health
University of Louisville*



Dr. Troutman holds an M.D. from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey as well as an M.P.H. from the Columbia University School of Public Health. Dr. Troutman also earned an M.A. in Black Studies from the State University of New York. He served a residency and internship in Family Medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina.

Dr. Troutman has served as the Director of the Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness, Atlanta, Georgia's health department. He also served as a senior scientist for Community Health and Preventive Medicine at the Morehouse School of Medicine where he worked with former U.S. Surgeon General David Satcher on a study of racial disparities in the delivery of health care.

10:30 – 11:30 am

Discussion

11:30 – 12 pm

Closing remarks

