

CFP -- Reckoning with Race and Racism in Academic Medicine (Johns Hopkins University)

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Call For Papers -- Reckoning with Race and Racism in Academic Medicine

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We invite contributions to a conference on *Reckoning with Race and Racism in Academic Medicine* to confront the legacies of white supremacy and exclusion in American academic medicine and the central role that academic medicine has played and continues to play in the perpetuation of false biological concepts of race. As the Johns Hopkins Hospital and School of Medicine were founded as segregated institutions, we are particularly interested in engaging the broader history and ongoing legacies of segregation in academic medical centers and their surrounding communities. We welcome studies of racialized histories of medical research in the twentieth and the complexity of racial inclusion as well as exclusion and exploitation in academic medicine, and how this history shapes current questions of trust, distrust, mistrust, and trustworthiness in relation to academic medical centers. We also welcome meaningful examples of health and medical care as sites of antiracist advocacy.

Racism has not just been incidental to the production of medical knowledge and the formation of medical institutions, but has often been essential to their construction.

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The history of medicine and health care is marked by racial injustice and myriad forms of violence: ongoing scientific racism in medicine, unequal access to health care, the segregation of medical facilities, and the exclusion of African Americans and other racialized groups from medical education. These practices often form the backbone of racist thought and structures outside of medicine as well. While none of this is news to communities of color in the United States, many in the field of academic medicine are at the beginning of addressing these issues in practice. In order to develop more effective anti-racist responses to entrenched health inequalities, the COVID-19 pandemic, and future health crises, medicine needs to fully confront these painful histories of structural violence. How can we move towards a more inclusive version of historical reckoning? What tools can be deployed to unseat the convenient mythologies we have constructed to convince ourselves that the institutions of daily life have benign trajectories? How can we learn to confront our more challenging historical legacies to produce lasting impact, engagement, and policy change?

This reckoning requires engagements both inside and outside of academic medicine. As this conference examines the centrality of history as a tool and as a method to understand the historic and current intersection of structural racism and health, it also reinforces broad institutional efforts by medical students and faculty and professional associations around the country to build antiracist curricula and commit to engaging with structural racism as a key aspect of medical training and policy change. We engage with this history not merely to expose past harms, but to chart a more equitable course forward for health and health care. We intend this conference to be an opportunity to think broadly and critically about history and its role in perpetuating structural racism in health and health care—and to explore how insights drawn from this history can be employed in dismantling ongoing racial inequalities.

We invite submissions of individual papers, panels, roundtables, and posters from across disciplines and communities. We especially encourage graduate and medical students, trainees, community organizations, professional associations, and activists to participate.

Topics may include, but are not limited to the following:

- The historical impact of segregation in medical practice and medical institutions and their surrounding communities
- The historical processes of segregation, desegregation and integration of medical institutions and the limits of diversity/inclusion policies in medical

research and practice to date

- The role of academic medicine in propagating and reproducing scientific racism and popular beliefs in race as a biological category
- The role of history in current efforts to confront structural racism in health and healthcare today, from curricular reform in medical education to policy changes across professional bodies

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