

Institutional Racism:

What is this?

And how does it affect your trainees?

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Trigger Warning

Trigger topics: Racism, Slavery, Human Experimentation




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APPENDIX

APPENDIX EXHIBIT 1. The racism iceberg, with systemic racism as the hidden base



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Institutional Racism





Systemic Structural Ingrained



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“Systemic racism is so embedded in systems that it often is assumed to reflect the natural, inevitable order of things.”

Braveman, P. A. et al. (2022, February)



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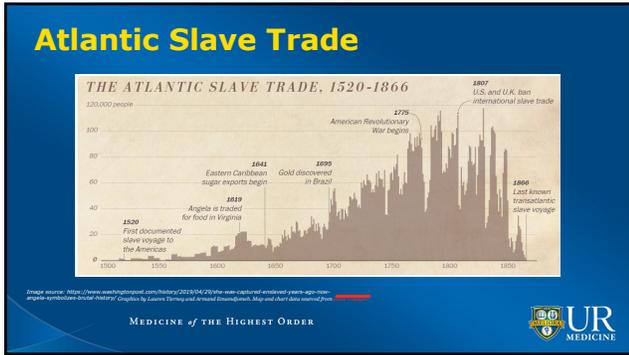
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1520 First documented enslaved persons voyage to North America



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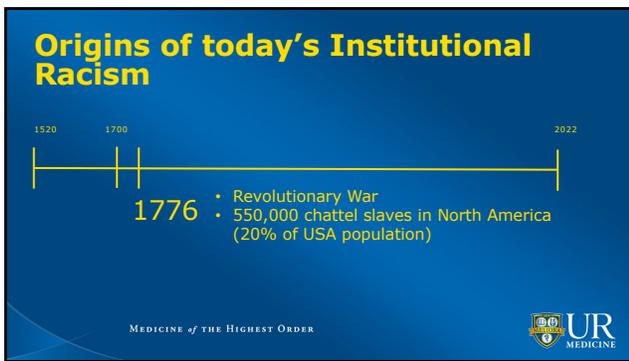
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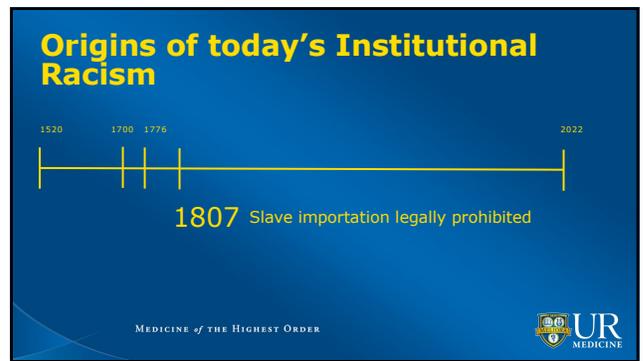
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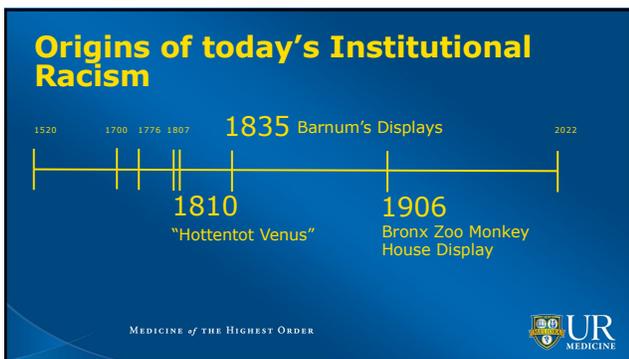
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THE GREATEST Natural & National CURIOSITY IN THE WORLD. JOICE HETH

In 1906, the British slave girl Ota Bengha, a Congolese fighter, on display in a cage in the Monkey House. Protected by a group of African-American ministers soon set an end to the exhibit. Atlanta Constitution Society.

"Sartje, the Hottentot Venus, Now Exhibiting in London. Drawn From Life," read the caption on this engraving, circa 1810. City of Westminster Archive Centre, London/Bridgeman Art Library.

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Thomas Jefferson vaccinates his slaves with live cowpox

1801

1822 C-sections

1832 Typhoid vaccination experiments

1839-1845 Surgery with Ether experiments

1845 Sim's vesico-vaginal fistula experiments

1846 Typhoid pneumonia boiling water experiments

1906

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"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

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"Owned" 600 Enslaved People

Smallpox Vaccine

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Anesthesia

First Operation Under Ether
Artist: Robert Hinckley

It was widely believed that blacks had thicker skin and a higher tolerance to pain than whites

<https://pubs.asahq.org/anesthesiology/article/2/5/12/46/2026/A-Tale-of-Two-Flattings/Operations-of-the-First>

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J. MARION SIMS
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Silver Sutures for Vesico-vaginal fistula repair

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Defective bodies

Unable to resist liquor,

Sexual immorality

Lower intelligence

tuberculosis

malaria

infant mortality

syphilis

"madness"

miscarriage

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1932-1972
Tuskegee Syphilis Study-
US Public Health Service

"The negro springs from a southern race, and as such his sexual appetite is strong; all of his environment stimulate this appetite, and as a general rule his emotional type of religion certainly does not decrease it." - physician in the Journal of American Medical Association

"Virtue in the negro race is like angels' visits-few and far between. In a practice of sixteen years I have never examined a virgin negro over fourteen years of age." - Dr. Daniel D. Quillen of Athens, Georgia

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Marion County Health Department
 HAWAII STATE BOARD OF HEALTH AND U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE COOPERATING WITH TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE

Dear Sir:

Some time ago you were given a thorough examination and since that time we hope you have gotten a great deal of treatment for bad blood. You will not be given your last chance to get it through examination. This examination is a very special one and after it is finished you will be given a special treatment if it is believed you are in a condition to stand it.

If you want this special examination and treatment you must meet the nurse at _____ on _____ at _____ M. She will bring you to the Tuskegee Institute Hospital for this free treatment. We will be very busy when these examinations and treatments are being given, and will have lots of people to wait on. You will remember that you had to wait for some time when you had your last good examination, and we wish to let you know that because we expect to be so busy it may be necessary for you to remain in the hospital over one night. If this is necessary you will be given a special treatment and we will do _____ and treatment without cost.

THOMAS WELLS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE FOR SPECIAL FREE TREATMENT. BE SURE TO MEET THE NURSE.

Marion County Health Department

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"So the scourge sweeps among them. Those that are treated are only half cured, and the effort to assimilate a complex civilization drives their diseased minds until the results are criminal records. Perhaps here, in conjunction with tuberculosis, will be the end of the negro problem. Disease will accomplish what man cannot do." US Public Health Service physician, Thomas W. Murrell, MD

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Study halted only after appearing in the national press

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1932-1972 Tuskegee Syphilis Study- US Public Health Service

The US Public Health Service continued to withhold treatment

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1907-2002...? Eugenics, Compulsory Sterilization, & Forced Contraception

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Eugenics proposed that human perfection could be developed through selective breeding.

UNFIT HUMAN TRAITS SUCH AS FEEBLEMINDEDNESS, EPILEPSY, CRIMINALITY, INSANITY, ALCOHOLISM, PAUPERISM AND MANY OTHERS, RUN IN FAMILIES AND ARE INHERITED IN EXACTLY THE SAME WAY AS COLOR IN GUINEA PIGS. IF ALL MARRIAGES WERE EUGENIC WE COULD BREED OUT MOST OF THIS UNFITNESS IN THREE GENERATIONS.

THE TRIANGLE OF LIFE: ENVIRONMENT, HERITAGE, EDUCATION. WHY? YOU ARE HERITAGE.

YOU CAN IMPROVE YOUR EDUCATION, AND EVEN CHANGE YOUR ENVIRONMENT, BUT WHAT YOU REALLY ARE WAS ALL SETTLED WHEN YOUR PARENTS WERE BORN. SELECTED PARENTS WILL HAVE BETTER CHILDREN. THIS IS THE GREAT AIM OF EUGENICS.

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George Eastman

- Founder of Eastman Kodak
- Philanthropist for higher education including black colleges
- Created our institution, URSOMD
- Founded Eastman School of Music
- Established the country's first free dental clinic
- Generous to employees
- Annual donations to American Eugenics Society

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1907-2002...? 1927 Buck v. Bell

Compulsory Sterilization

1950s Start of the Civil Rights Movement

1954 Brown v. Board of Education

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Skinner v. Oklahoma
Desegregation → **Fannie Lou Hamer & Mississippi Appendectomies**



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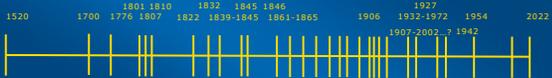
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1929
Margaret Sanger

Forced Contraception

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Margaret Sanger

- Endorsed the 1927 Buck v. Bell decision
- Toppled Comstock laws against contraceptive distribution
- Quoted W.E.B. Du Bois, the founder of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, "The mass of ignorant Negroes still breed carelessly and disastrously, so that the increase among Negroes, even more than the increase among whites, is from that portion of the population least intelligent and fit, and least able to rear their children properly."
- Supported development of birth control pill
- Founder of Planned Parenthood
- Formed Birth Control Federation of America and the Negro Project, the latter bringing "family planning centers" to predominately black areas while seeking the best way of reducing black populations by promoting eugenic principles.
 - In 1972, 40% of blacks surveyed by the American Journal of Public Health believed birth-control clinics were a ploy to eradicate blacks

Birth Control Pill

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1942-1945
Manhattan Project

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Manhattan Project

Purpose: Non-consensual experiments to determine the amount of radiation US soldiers could withstand in the case of nuclear war.




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Courage

Adversity

Diligence

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