

DECLARATION OF SARAH TISHKOFF

I, Sarah Tishkoff, declare under penalty of perjury, that the following statements in this declaration are true. The scientific descriptions and views set forth herein are each stated to a reasonable degree of scientific probability.

1. I am the David and Lyn Silfen University Professor of Genetics and Biology at the University of Pennsylvania. I obtained a dual B.S. degree from the University of California at Berkeley in Anthropology and Genetics in 1989, a master's degree from Yale in Human Genetics in 1992 and a PhD from Yale in Genetics in 1996.

2. The focus of my research is characterization of genomic variation across ethnically diverse human populations in order to make inferences about human evolutionary history and the genetic basis of variable traits including disease risk. Although we study variation on a global level, I have particular expertise studying African genetic variation.

3. As indicated in my CV (attached) I have participated in numerous workshops pertaining to genetics and race, and have been an advisor on projects sponsored by the National Institutes of Health to characterize genomic variation in globally diverse populations. I have published over 100 articles and book chapters, many of which focus on characterizing global patterns of genetic variation and impact on concepts such as human origins and race and my work has been cited over 22,800 times. My 2009 paper published in the high-profile journal *Science*, which characterized patterns of genetic variation on a global level in over 4,500 individuals including more than 2,000 from geographically diverse regions of Africa, has been cited over 1,200 times. I also have expertise studying the genetic basis of physiologic differences between individuals and populations. My 2007 paper published in *Nature Genetics* on the genetic basis of lactose tolerance in East Africans has been cited over 1,300 times.

4. I write to offer my opinion about whether or not there is a biological basis for racial classification as currently required for application for a marriage license in Virginia.

Genetic Differences in Humans

5. The human genome is composed of 23 pairs of chromosomes and the chromosomes are composed of DNA. DNA is composed of a “sequence” of letters: A, C, G, T (nucleotides), arranged in different orders. Some of these nucleotides code for proteins which are the building blocks of our cells and determine variable traits. Other parts of the genome do not code for any traits, but accumulate changes (mutations) over time which can be useful for tracking population histories.

6. Numerous recent advances in genomics technology allow us to characterize nucleotide variation in large numbers of individuals and relatively low cost and thereby to obtain unprecedented information about patterns of human genetic variation and how that variation impacts variable human traits, including, for example, height, skin color, and disease risk. The technologies include analyses of microsatellites (short tandem repeats of 1 – 5 nucleotides that are highly variable among individuals, such as “CACACACA”), Single Nucleotide Polymorphism (SNP) genotyping arrays that enable us to determine which nucleotide variants an individual has at millions of sites across the genome, and low cost sequencing technologies (referred to as “nextgen sequencing”) that has enabled sequencing of nearly all 3 billion nucleotides in the human genome. These technologies can be used to characterize genetic variation at the level of individuals, populations, and geographic regions. These datasets have been generated in ethnically diverse populations from across the globe.

7. Having originated in Africa about 300,000 years ago, *homo sapiens* continued to diversify genetically within Africa for about 200,000 years, before human populations

encompassing a subset of African genetic diversity left that continent. Whereas all humans share more than 99% of the nucleotide sequences in their genomes, decades of genetic research have established that there is greater genetic diversity among different population groups *within Africa* than *among populations in the rest of the world*. Using some statistical approaches, greater genetic difference can be observed between African Maasai and African Khoisan individuals than between Chinese and Swedish individuals. This exemplifies the disutility of a genetic categorization that would put the former two into a single “black” race, while the latter two would be in two “white” and “Asian” races.

8. Using the genomic datasets referenced above, it is possible broadly to define genetically grouped ancestral populations, and also a contemporary individual’s ancestry from those populations, associated with a given geographic area to which *homo sapiens* dispersed upon leaving Africa about 100,000 years ago. But there are no firm genetic boundaries between regions, and many individuals have mixed geographic, and thus genetic, ancestry. Individuals from Pakistan, for example, tend to show mixed European, Middle Eastern and Indian ancestry, and those from Central Asia tend to show mixed ancestry from East Asia, Europe and the Middle East. Such mixed genetic ancestry is more prevalent in proportion to historic migration events – voluntary or forced – followed by procreation between persons of different ancestry.

9. The above applies with full force to the population of the United States. Individuals who self-identify as African American, for example, routinely have European as well as African ancestry, as inferred by genetic data. Indeed, many have predominantly European ancestry as inferred from genetic data, regardless of how they may look or self-identify.

Earlier and Conventional Classifications of Humans

10. Prior to the flourishing of human genetic studies in recent decades, conventional racial categorization, dating back a few hundred years, was an effort to understand human differentiation as part of a broader attempt to classify plants and animals on earth. However, even at that time, social classifications were entwined with biological classifications. Further, these racial classifications were interpreted as being hierarchical, with those of European ancestry being at the top of the hierarchy. That hierarchical racial classification was used as a justification for colonialism, slavery, and genocide. Beginning in the mid-twentieth century, race has also featured in social scientific and political discourse addressing the consequences of racial discrimination. But for the past several decades, as human genetics has broadened and deepened our understanding of our own species, the concept of biologically defined discrete races has for the most part disappeared from mainstream scientific discourse. Apart from the fact that the "race" concept is fraught with historical and social difficulty, it does not serve any useful purpose in most human population genetics research, which is conducted without racializing its subjects.

11. In this country, since the demise of the Jim Crow laws there exists no standards even purporting to clarify racial identity. We are what we say we are. Thus, Tiger Woods is a self-described "Cablinasian" (combination of Caucasian, black, Native American and Asian ancestry). The federal racial guidelines provided by OMB Directive No.15 that frame most of our national and professional discourse on race expressly proclaim that they are not scientifically based, and indeed they are not. But none of this is science, and scientists cannot rely on such categorization – much the less on the "mixed" and "other" races that are acceptable categories for governmental purposes, including Virginia's marriage license application.

Race and Ancestry

12. It is important to differentiate between *ancestry* and *race*, as my colleagues and I point out in the attached article “Taking Race Out of Human Genetics,” *Science* (Vol. 351, Feb. 5, 2016), at 565. From the standpoint of genetics, the study of ancestry is not the study of “race.” From the standpoint of genetics, the study of ancestry is a serious scientific enterprise addressing a person’s genomic heritage. Like all science, it is a mode of organizing verifiable knowledge – in this case about individual or population origins, similarities and dissimilarities. Studies of ancestry give rise to research data that is testable and replicable by other studies. The study of ancestry permits creation of a genetic record of our past demographic and evolutionary history, including migration and inter-marriage. This cannot be done using conventional racial categories.¹

13. Human skin color varies due to adaptation to environments with differing amounts of ultra-violet (UV) exposure from the sun. Dark skin, which protects against UV degradation of folate, a significant inhibitor of birth defects, is common in many regions of the world with high levels of UV exposure, e.g. sub-Saharan Africa, southern India and Papua New Guinea. As modern humans migrated north out of Africa into regions of lower UV, problems associated with

¹The same objections do not apply to the study of racism and the efforts to extirpate it and its consequences. If race is, in the words of anthropologist Ashley Montgague, *Man’s Most Dangerous Myth* (1942), it is a myth with dramatic and malign consequences that continue to demand attention. Victims of racism demand assistance not because they are members of a race, but because they have been racialized and victimized as a result. One need not have subscribed to the Nazis’ notion that Jews comprised a race to have worked to rescue them. I do not address such matters here, except to say that one need not trade in “race” in order to work to extirpate from our society the maleficent results of immature or specious race science, initially associated with the works of Gobineau and Blumenbach, ranking people according to their physiology. See also, Sussman, *The Myth of Race* (2014).

lack of folate faded and were replaced with problems associated with insufficient production of vitamin D, lack of which can cause development problems. Lighter skin was adaptive, as it was more receptive to vitamin D production, and no longer caused the UV exposure problems associated with equatorial regions. Differences in skin color reflect ancestral exposure to more or less severe sunlight, not "race."

14. Skin color does not divide humankind into difference races. A graphic example of the disutility and misleading nature of "racial" identification based on skin color are the Biggs twins, born July 3, 2006 in Birmingham, England to a mother of European ancestry and a father of African ancestry. The two girls, fraternal twins, have similar features except that one has fair skin, brown hair and blue eyes, and the other has dark skin, black hair and brown eyes. See, the photograph of the twins filed with the complaint beginning this lawsuit, and on-line documentation available by Googling <Biggs Twins>.

15. The United States Supreme Court's astute observation in *United States v. Thind* to the effect that "'the innumerable varieties of mankind run into one another by insensible degrees,' and to arrange them in sharply bounded divisions is an undertaking of such uncertainty that common agreement is practically impossible," is graphically demonstrated by the photographs of human beings throughout the world taken by the Brazilian photographer Angelica Dass, published under the name *Humanae*. See photographs depicting the hues of human beings filed with the complaint, and on-line photographs available by Googling <Humanae Project – Angelica Dass>.

Race, Genetics and Medicine

16. Genetic research in medicine focuses on identifying mutations that can cause health problems or offer health benefits – or both, as addressed in the following paragraph. The

identification of a group of persons likely to have that mutation, once identified, is made not with reference to “race,” but with reference to genetic ancestry, regardless of conventional racial identification.

17. Historically, malaria has killed hundreds of thousands of persons each year. Populations surviving in areas where malaria is prevalent have evolved – been naturally selected for – a genetic defense to that disease, called sickle cell trait. Persons with sickle cell trait may be immune to malaria, or suffer from its effects far less than others. However, if a child inherits a sickle cell trait from both parents, the child is at risk of sickle cell anemia, a serious, debilitating illness. In this country, where malaria is not a serious health risk, the sickle cell trait serves no prophylactic function, and thus is a genetic and medical liability. Virtually all persons with sickle cell anemia trace their ancestry to malarial-infected locations, many in African and Mediterranean regions. It is this ancestry that determines their condition, not their “race.” The reason that African-Americans in particular should be tested for sickle cell trait is not that they are part of a black race, but because their ancestry lies disproportionately in malarial areas, rendering them as a group disproportionately at risk for sickle cell anemia.

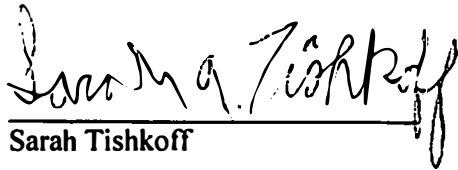
The Meaninglessness and Disutility of “Multiracial,” “Mixed,” and “Other” Races

18. The classification “multiracial” – whatever its utility, if any, for other purposes – is meaningless and useless for genetic, medical or other “hard” scientific purposes. Indeed, it is worse than worthless, in that it purports to impart meaning and significance to a catch-all category that has no integrity, substance or consequence. Someone whose parents are Chinese and Italian is conventionally “multiracial,” as is someone whose parents are Yoruba (from Nigeria) and native Alaskan. Such a multifarious categorization may be mandated by political or social imperatives, but it is not science and cannot aid science.

19. The racial classifications “other” and “mixed” are equally meaningless and worse than useless for genetic, medical or other scientific purposes. Like “multi-racial,” these terms purport to impart meaning and significance to catch-all categories that mix apples, oranges and baseballs. Such a scheme of categorization is not science and cannot aid science. Members of the “multiracial,” “mixed” or “other” groups no more share genotypes or phenotypes than they share any other trait whatsoever, be it genetic, socioeconomic, educational, cultural or other.

Conclusion

20. In sum, there is no biological or genetic basis to conventional racial classification, and almost all human geneticists recognize this fact. The maintenance of conventional racial categories, whatever its consequences socially, psychologically and politically, is irrelevant to, not to say disruptive of, scientific study of the human species.


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Citizenship: U.S. citizen

Education:

1989	B.S.	University of California, Berkeley (Anthropology & Genetics)
1992	M.Phil.	Yale University (Human Genetics, Kenneth Kidd adviser)
1996	Ph.D.	Yale University (Genetics, Kenneth Kidd adviser)

Postgraduate Training and Fellowship Appointments:

1997-2000	Postdoctoral Fellow, Pennsylvania State University, Department of Biology (Andrew Clark adviser)
1997	Visiting Research Fellow, South African Institute of Medical Research, University of the Witwatersrand, Department of Human Genetics (Trefor Jenkins adviser)

Faculty Appointments:

2000-2005	Assistant Professor, University of Maryland, Department of Biology
2005-2007	Associate Professor, University of Maryland, Department of Biology
2008-2012	David and Lyn Silfen University Associate Professor, Department of Genetics, Perelman School of Medicine and Department of Biology, School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania (Penn Integrates Knowledge Associate Professor)
2012-present	David and Lyn Silfen University Professor, Department of Genetics, Perelman School of Medicine and Department of Biology, School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania (Penn Integrates Knowledge Professor)

Other Appointments:

2008-present	Member, Genomics and Computational Biology (GCB) Graduate Group, Biomedical Graduate Studies, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania
2008-present	Member, Penn Genome Frontiers Institute (PGFI), University of Pennsylvania
2008-present	Member, Genetics and Gene Regulation (GGR) Graduate Group, Biomedical Graduate Studies, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania
2008-present	Member, Center for Genes and Complex Traits (CGACT), University of Pennsylvania
2010-present	Member, Center of Excellence in Environmental Toxicology (CEET), University of Pennsylvania
2010-present	Member, Institute for Immunology (IFI), University of Pennsylvania

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- 2011-present Member, Diabetes and Endocrinology Research Center (DERC), University of Pennsylvania
- 2011-present Member, Institute for Diabetes, Obesity, and Metabolism (IDOM), University of Pennsylvania
- 2012-present Research Associate, Population Aging Research Center (PARC), University of Pennsylvania
- 2013-present Member, Skin Disease Research Center (SDRC), University of Pennsylvania

Awards, Honors and Membership in Honorary Societies:

- 1987 U.C. Berkeley President's Undergraduate Fellowship
- 1989 U.C. Berkeley University High Honors
- 1989 U.C. Berkeley Anthropology Honors
- 1989-1994 National Institutes of Health Predoctoral traineeship
- 1991-1992 Fulbright/DAAD Predoctoral fellowship for research in Germany with Dr. Svante Pääbo
- 1996-1998 NSF Sloan Postdoctoral fellowship in molecular evolution
- 1998-2003 Burroughs/Wellcome Fund Career Award in the Biomedical Sciences
- 2001-2006 David and Lucile Packard Career Award in Science and Engineering
- 2003 Univ. of MD College of Life Sciences Faculty Excellence Award for Junior Faculty
- 2003 Featured as one of the "Ten Most Brilliant" young scientists in the U.S. by Popular Science Magazine, September, 2003
- 2008 Penn Integrates Knowledge (PIK) University Endowed Chair, University of Pennsylvania
- 2009 NIH Pioneer Award
- 2009-2011 Penn Fellow, University of Pennsylvania
- 2011 Invited Lecturer, Holiday Lectures on Science, HHMI
- 2012 Invited Lecturer, W. E. B. Du Bois Lectures, W.E.B. Du Bois Institute for African and African American Research, Harvard University
- 2012 Keynote Speaker, The Genomics of Common Disease, Potomac, Maryland
- 2013 Keynote Speaker, Symposium in honor of the 10th anniversary of the Human Genome Project, NHGRI, NIH
- 2013 Plenary Speaker, The Endocrinology Society Meeting
- 2013 Semi-Finalist for HHMI Investigator Competition
- 2013 Eugene Perrin Lecture on Health Sciences and Peace, Wayne State University
- 2014 Laureate Lecture, School of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh
- 2014 Plenary Speaker, Society of Molecular Biology and Evolution, San Juan
- 2014 Keynote Speaker, 11th International Conference on Zebrafish development and Genetics
- 2015 Wolk Lecture, Colgate University, Hamilton, NY
- 2017 14th Annual CC Li Lecture, University of Pittsburgh
- 2017 Evelyn Spritz Lecture in Human Genetics and Genomics, University of Colorado School of Medicine, Boulder, CO
- 2017 Elected to the National Academy of Sciences

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Memberships in Professional and Scientific Societies and Other Professional Activities:International:

2000-present Leakey Foundation (Grants Reviewer)
 2005-present African Society of Human Genetics (Member)
 2005-2006 Wellcome Trust, UK, Fellowship Reviewer
 2006-2009 Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC), UK (Grant Reviewer)
 2008-2010 FTC Portugal (national science council), Portugal (Grant Reviewer)
 2008 Wellcome Trust, UK, Grant Reviewer
 2010 Wellcome Trust, UK, Sanger Institute Programme Reviewer
 2013-present Faculty of 1000 (F1000) (Contributing Member)

National:

2000-present American Association for Anthropological Genetics
 2000-present American Association for the Advancement of Science (Member)
 2000-present American Association of Physical Anthropologists (Member)
 2000-present American Society of Human Genetics (Member)
 2000-present National Science Foundation, Physical Anthropology (Grants Reviewer)
 2000-present Society for Molecular Biology and Evolution (Member)
 2000-2007 Society for the Study of Evolution (Member)
 2003-2005 National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI), National Institutes of Health (NIH) Advisory Panel Member, Research Planning and Evaluation Group, Ethical, Legal and Social Issues
 2004 GRAD (Genetic Research of the African Diaspora) Project, Howard University Genome Sciences Center (Advisory Panel Member)
 2004 National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI), National Institutes of Health (NIH) Advisory Panel Member "Race and Genetics"
 2005 Genetics of Health and Disease Study Section, National Institute of General Medical Sciences, National Institutes of Health (Ad Hoc Member)
 2005 "Race and Genetics," National Coalition for Health Professional Education in Genetics (Advisory Panel Member)
 2006 Genes, Genomics, and Genetics Study Section, National Institutes of Health (Ad Hoc Member)
 2006-present Advisory Panel Member, "The New Genetics and the Trans-Atlantic Slave Database", Harvard University, Afro-American Studies Program, organized by Henry Louis Gates, Jr.
 2007 National Science Foundation (CAREER Program Review Panel Member)
 2007 Race and Ancestry in Clinical Genetics and Population Research Workshops, Broad Institute (Advisory Panel Member)
 2007-present National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI), National Institutes of Health (NIH) Member, Consultation and Oversight Group NHGRI Sample Repository
 2008-present Genetics Society of America (Member)
 2008-2010 National Evolutionary Synthesis Center (NESCent) Scientific Advisory Board
 2009 Keystone Symposia Genetics/Genomics Study Group (Scientific Advisory Panel)
 2009 National Institutes of Health (Challenge Grants Reviewer)
 2009-present National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI), National Institutes of Health

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(NIH) 1000 Genomes Samples Advisory Committee

2010-present Chair, Committee to Study African American ancestry using genomic studies as part of the working group "The New Genetics and the Trans-Atlantic Slave Database", Harvard University, Afro-American Studies Program, organized by Henry Louis Gates, Jr.

2010-present Association for Women in Science (Member)

2010 International Centers of Excellence for Malaria Research (ICEMR), NIAID, NIH (Grant Review Panel)

2011-2013 Member, Genetics, Variation, and Evolution (GVE) Study Section, NIH

2011 National Institutes of Health (Workshop Participant - "Genomic Opportunities for Studying Sickle Cell Disease")

2012-2013 National Institutes of Health (H3Africa Common Fund Initiatives Review Panel)

2012-2013 Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History/NHGRI (Advisory Council)

2012-2013 Reviewer, Canada Research Chair applications, Canadian Institutes of Health Research

2012-2013 American Society of Human Genetics (Member, Nominating Committee)

2013-2014 American Society of Human Genetics (Chair, Nominating Committee)

2013-2015 Genetics, Variation, and Evolution (GVE) Study Section, NIH (Chair)

2013-2014 Selection Committee, Gilbert S. Omenn Prize at the Foundation for Evolution, Medicine and Public Health (Member)

2014-2015 Selection Committee, Gilbert S. Omenn Prize at the Foundation for Evolution, Medicine and Public Health (Chair)

2016-2019 Director, American Society of Human Genetics

2016 Co-Chair, Study Section to Review MIRA grants, NIGMS, NIH

2016-present Advisory Board, International Society for Evolution, Medicine, and Public Health

2016 - present Member, Executive Director of the American Society of Human Genetics Search Committee

Local:

2009-2010 Franklin Institute Scientific Advisory Panel

Editorial Positions:

1997-present Reviewer: Nature; Human Molecular Genetics; Molecular Biology and Evolution; Human Genetics; European Journal of Human Genetics; Nature Reviews; PLOS Genetics; Annals of Human Genetics; Human Biology; The American Journal of Physical Anthropology; The American Journal of Human Genetics; Science; Nature Genetics; PLOS Biology; Genome Research; Trends in Genetics; Genetics, among others.

2005-2016 Associate Editor, Molecular Biology and Evolution Journal

2007-present Editorial Board, Genome Research Journal

2010-2013 Associate Editor, The Quarterly Review of Biology

2011-present Associate Editor, G3 (Genes, Genomes, Genetics)

2011-present Member, Editorial Board, Evolution, Medicine, and Public Health

2016-present Associate Editor PLOS Genetics

Academic and Institutional Committees:

2001-2002	UMD, Behavior, Ecology, Evolution, Systematics Graduate Admissions Committee
2001-2004	UMD, Biology Computational Biology Search Committee
2002-2003	UMD, Biology Faculty Advisory Committee
2002-2006	UMD, Howard Hughes Medical Institute Undergraduate Fellowship Advisory Board
2003-2004	UMD, Biology Chair Search Committee
2003-2006	UMD, Advisory Board for Bioinformatics Course Curriculum Development
2004-2005	UMD, Biology Department Comparative Genomics Faculty Search Committee
2004-2005	UMD, CBMG Department Functional Genomics Faculty Search Committee
2004-2006	UMD, Behavior, Ecology, Evolution, Systematics Graduate Steering Committee
2005-2006	UMD, Computational Biology Faculty Search Committee
2006-2007	UMD, College of Chemistry and Life Sciences Instrumentation and Core Facility Committee
2006-2007	UMD, Biology Graduate Admissions Committee
2008-2009	Member, Cell and Molecular Biology (CAMB), Genetics and Gene Regulation (GGR) Graduate Student Review Committee
2008-2009	Member, Genomics Faculty Search Committee, Penn Genome Frontiers Institute (PGFI)
2008-2010	Member, Faculty Advisory Panel on Global Health, School of Medicine (SOM)
2009-2011	Member, PGFI Scientific Advisory Committee
2009-2010	Member, Evolutionary Biology Faculty Search Committee, Department of Biology, School of Arts and Sciences (SAS)
2010-2011	Member, Penn Fellows Advisory Committee on topic of "Global Engagement at Penn"
2010-2011	Member, GCB Graduate Group Admissions Committee
2010	Chair, GCB Graduate Group Committee to develop and grade the genomics and genetics section prelim exam for second year students
2010	Panelist, Penn Preview
2010-2011	PCBI Faculty Search Committee
2011	Panelist, Penn Preview
2011-2012	Member, GCB Graduate Group Fellowship Committee
2011-2012	Evolutionary Medicine and Information Biology Faculty Search Committee, CHOP
2011-2014	Member, Advisory Committee for PA DOH Grant - Improving Vision & Preventing Visual Impairment in Urban African Americans & Rural Amish (PI: Dwight Stambolian)
2011-2012	Member, The Role of Penn Medicine in the World Working Group, SOM
2013	Member, PSOM Global Health Research Subcommittee
2013-present	Member, Department of Genetics Search Committee for IBI Assistant Professor
2013-2014	Member, SAS Planning Group on Diversity, Difference, and Community
2013-2014	Member, SAS Planning Committee for selection of Freshman reading material for the "Year of Health"
2013-2014	Member, SOM, Task Force to Assist with Planning Child Care Facility
2014-2017	Member, SOM, Committee on Academic Freedom and Responsibility
2014-2018	Member, SOM, Penn Medicine Awards of Excellence Selection Committee
2014 – present	Member, SAS, Department of Biology, Graduate Student Advising and Assessment Committee

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2014 – 2015 Member, SAS Planning Group on Big Data
 2014 – present Member, Penn Program on Race, Science, and Society (PRSS) working group
 2015 – 2016 Member, SOM, Search Committee for Chair of Cell and Developmental Biology
 2015 - 2018 Member, University Disciplinary Hearing Panelist
 2016-2017 Member, SOM, Faculty Search Committee, Department of Genetics
 2017 Member, SAS, Awards Committee
 2017 Member, SOM, Child Care Implementation Committee
 2017 Member, SOM, review committee for the Department of Medical Ethics and Health Policy

Major Academic and Clinical Teaching Responsibilities:Masters, PhD and Postdoctoral Mentorships:

2000-2008 M.A. Student Advisor:

- Hannah Hutton, (03/11-12/14)
- Kristin Kaercher (09/05-09/08)
- Bailey Levis (09/04-12/06)
- Kweli Powell (08/00-06/04)
- Lisa Pfeiffer (01/01-08/08)

2001-present Ph.D. Student Advisor:

- Derek Kelly, GCB program (06/15 – present)
- Meagan Rubel, Anthropology program (06/13 – present)
- Sameer Soi, GCB program (06/09-present)
- Felicia Gomez (09/06-05/13; postdoctoral fellow Washington State University St. Louis)
- Jibril Hirbo (08/03-12/10; postdoctoral fellow, Vanderbilt University)
- Alessia Ranciaro (06/04-06/08; research scientist, University of Pennsylvania)
- Holly Mortensen (06/01-06/08; bioinformatician, EPA)

2003-2008 Visiting Ph.D. Student Advisor:

- Gil Tomas (10/03-07/04)

2001-present Postdoctoral Advisor:

- Eric Mbunwe (10/16 – present)
- Shaohua Fan (03/15- present)
- Marcia Holsbach Beltrame (10/14 – present)
- Nicholas Crawford (03/14 – present)
- Matthew Hansen (09/13-present)
- Yancy Lo (11/15 – 12/16) (Research Scientist, Institute of Biological Informatics, University of Pennsylvania)
- Joseph Lachance (12/10-12/14) (Assistant Professor, Georgia Institute of Technology)
- Renata Afi Rawlings-Goss (10/11-08/14) (Co-Executive Director of the South Big Data Innovation Hub, Georgia Institute of Technology)

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- Simon Thompson (09/09-04/14) (Research Coordinator at Global Alliance for Chronic Diseases, UK)
- Alessia Ranciaro (07/08-06/14) (Senior Research Scientist, University of Pennsylvania)
- Michael Campbell (09/07-06/14) (Assistant Professor, Howard University)
- Jibril Hirbo (12/10-12/13) (Research Scientist, Vanderbilt University)
- Laura Scheinfeldt (2009-2013) (Associate Professor, Temple University)
- Clara Elbers (07/10-02/13) (Research Scientist, Amsterdam Medical Center)
- Bart Ferwerda (07/10-6/12) (Research Scientist, Amsterdam Medical Center)
- Wen-Ya Ko (06/07-12/12) (Assistant Professor, Yang-Ming University, Taiwan)
- Joe Jarvis (08/08-10/11) (Senior Research Associate, Coriell Institute)
- Charla Lambert (11/08-01/10) (Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories)
- Floyd Reed (03/05-03/08; Assistant Professor, University of Hawaii)
- Katy Gonder (01/02-07/07; Associate Professor, Drexel University)
- Eduardo Tarazano-Santos (3/01-11/03; Associate Professor, Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, Brazil)
- Brian Verrelli (02/01-11/03; Associate Professor, Virginia Commonwealth University)
- Agnes Awomoyi (03/01-01/03; Research Associate, Ohio State University)

PhD Committee Memberships:

- 2000-present Ph.D. Committee Member:
UMD: Eduardo Eizirik, Matthew Kostek, Colin Rose, Paul Zwiers, Jonathan Beadell, Peng Yue, Bailey Levis.
Penn: Natalie Miller, Yang Jiao, Sesh Sundararaman, Sameer Soi, Hannah Hutton, Meagan Rubel, Mitra Eghbal, Adam SanMiguel, Katie Siewert, Kelsey Johnson
- 2014 - 2015 Penn: Candidacy exam committee for Alexander Berry (Biology), and Kelsey Johnson (GGR)

Supervised Undergraduate Internships:

- 2001-2004 UMD: supervised 2 students/year in the honors internship program (BSCI 399H)
- 2001-2008 UMD: supervised between 2-3 students/year in undergraduate internships (BSCI 399 or 279)
- 2008-present Penn: supervised between 2-3 undergraduate students/year who did research in lab (BIOL 399 or 499)
- 2001-present Undergraduate Research Advisor:
Current: Elizabeth Eyermann,
Past: Daniel Wagner, Amy House, Emily Ashcraft, Chintan Patel, Jim Pineno, Prasad Acharya, Karena Sylvester, Radhika Akkapeddi, Hawa

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- 2004-2009 High School Research Advisor:
Aiman Saleh (2004-2005), Joseph Mustapha (2009)
- 2010 - present BGS Summer Undergraduate Internship Program (SUIP), Michelle Haring (2010; graduate student Michigan State University), Guarav Luthria (2014; finishing undergraduate studies at UBMC), Alec Downie (2015; summer intern from Yale), Jake Haut (2015; summer intern from Rochester Institute of Technology)

Courses Taught:

- 2001-2006 UMD, BIOL 608 Topics in Human Evolutionary Genetics (graduate seminar) (6-14 students/semester, taught once/year)
- 2001-2007 Established and implemented a new interdisciplinary, inter-institutional graduate training program in Human Evolutionary Biology with GWU, Howard, and UMD; devised the program and curriculum and met bi-yearly on the PI and graduate admissions committees
- 2002 Developed a new course and curriculum for an advanced undergraduate course in Human Genetics (BSCI 416 The Biology of the Human Genome); also developed a Webpage for this course
- 2002-2007 UMD, BSCI 416 The Biology of the human genome (35-75 students/ class taught once/year)
- 2008-2011 Penn, Fall, Medical Genetics, first year medical school class (one lecture 2008, two lectures 2009, one lecture 2010, one lecture 2011)
- 2008-2009 Penn, Spring, Biol 121, Introductory Biology (one lecture/year in 2008 and 2009)
- 2008-2009 Penn, Fall, Biol 221, Molecular Biology and Genetics (one lecture/year in 2008 and 2009)
- 2009-present Penn, Spring, Biol 422, Genomics of Human Disease and Evolution (formerly called "Human Genetics and Genomics"), 30 - 35 undergraduate and graduate students (3 hrs/week, total of 42 lecture hours in the semester in 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015)
- 2010-present Penn, Spring, Biol 522, Human Evolutionary Genomics, Graduate/Advanced Undergraduate Seminar, 15 undergraduate students/1 graduate student (joint CAMB/Biology; 3 hrs/week in 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016)
- 2011 Lecturer, University of Pennsylvania Biology Department's Teacher Professional Development Series
- 2011-present Penn, Spring, CAMB 550, Genetic Principles (one lecture, one discussion session in 2011, 2 lectures and one discussion session in 2012, 2 lectures and one discussion session in 2013 and 2014)
- 2004, Lecturer, Jackson Labs Course in Mammalian Genetics, Bar Harbor, ME

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2010-2014	
2011	Lecturer, Yale Undergraduate course in “Evolutionary Medicine” taught by Stephen Stearns
2011	Lecturer, Pinkham Course in the Basic Sciences, Swedish Hospital, Seattle Washington
2011	Lecturer, HHMI Holliday Series, live and videotaped broadcast to high school students
2012	Lecture at Bryn Mawr to students in Biol 327, “Evolutionary Genetics and Genomics”
2012	Lecture and discussions with M.D. and Ph.D. students in the Public Health Certificate Program (PHCP), School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania
2012	“Dinner With Interesting People,” Lecture and discussion with freshman students, McClelland Hall, University of Pennsylvania
2013	Penn, Spring, Biol 422, Genomics of Human Disease and Evolution, 39 students (3 hrs/week, total of 42 lecture hours)
2014	Taught Penn Preceptorial on African Genomics: Implications for human evolution and disease
2016	Responsible Conduct of Research lecture on ethics and genomics.
2017	Lecturer, Biol 221 Introduction to Genetics (3 lectures on population genetics)

Lectures by Invitation:1995:

Jan, 1995	Oxford University, Department of Genetics, John Radcliffe Hospital, UK
Jan, 1995	University of Munich, Department of Zoology, Germany
Feb, 1995	Sapienza University, Rome, Department of Biology, Italy
Apr, 1995	Northwestern University, Department of Anthropology
Sep, 1995	Penn State University, Department of Anthropology

1996:

Feb, 1996	New York Consortium in Evolutionary Primatology
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1997:

Jan, 1997	University of Barcelona, Department of Biological Sciences, Spain
Feb, 1997	Stanford University, Department of Anthropology
Apr, 1997	Human Biology Association meeting, symposium on "Interpreting Patterns of Human Genetic Diversity", St. Louis
Jun, 1997	Trinational Workshop on Molecular Evolution, Munich, Germany
Aug, 1997	University of the Witwatersrand, Department of Human Genetics, South Africa
Aug, 1997	University of Pretoria, Department of Mammalian Genetics, South Africa

1998:

Jan, 1998	Columbia University, Department of Anthropology
Feb, 1998	University of New Mexico, Department of Anthropology
Feb, 1998	Mt. Sinai Medical School, Department of Human Genetics
Apr, 1998	American Association of Anthropological Genetics/American Association of Physical Anthropology, Symposium on Genetics and Origins of Human Diversity
May, 1998	University of Connecticut at Storrs, Department of Anthropology
Jun, 1998	Trinational Workshop of Molecular Evolution, Vancouver, CA

1999:

Jan, 1999	American Association for the Advancement of Science Meeting, Symposium on
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- Feb, 1999 "The Emergence of modern Human Form" organized by Dr. Loring Brace
National Cancer Institute, Frederick, MD
- Feb, 1999 Department of Biology, University of Maryland
- May, 1999 Symposium on "Pattern and Implications of Human Genetic Variation" organized by
Dr. Joanna Mountain, Stanford University, Dept. of Anthropological Sciences
- Jun, 1999 Symposium on "Genome Diversity and Evolution" organized by Dr. Masatoshi Nei,
in conjunction with the 1999 annual meeting of the American Genetic Association,
Penn State University
- Jun, 1999 Department of Biology, New York University
- Jun, 1999 Department of Molecular Biology and Development, Cornell University
- Nov, 1999 Symposium on "The Emergence of Modern Human Form", organized by Dr. C.
Loring Brace, American Association of Anthropologists meeting, Chigaco, Ill.
- 2000:
- Apr, 2000 Symposium on "Modern Human Origins", organized by Dr. C. Loring Brace,
American Association of Physical Anthropology meeting, San Antonio, TX.
- Dec, 2000 Department of Anatomy, Howard University Medical School, Washington D.C.
- 2001:
- Feb, 2001 Symposium on "Know Thyself: The Human Genome Project", sponsored by the
Wilson Center for Leadership in the Public Interest, Hampden Sydney College,
Hampden-Sydney VA
- Mar, 2001 Symposium on "Human Dimensions of Biodiversity", sponsored by the Human
Biology Assoc. and the International Assoc. of Human Biology, Kansas City, MO
- Oct, 2001 "Why is the study of African genetic diversity important for understanding modern
human origins and the genetic basis of human disease?", Symposium on African
Genetic Diversity, American Society of Human Genetics Meetings, San Diego, CA
- Nov, 2001 Invited participant in panel discussion on "Where do people come from and how do
we know? Reconciling Interdisciplinary approaches to questions of origins",
American Association of Anthropology. Washington D.C.
- 2002:
- Feb, 2002 Dept. of Human Genetics, Univ. of Maryland, Baltimore, MD.
- Apr, 2002 Symposium on "Northeast African Biocultural diversity," American Association of
Physical Anthropology, Buffalo, NY
- Apr, 2002 Dept of Epidemiology, School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, PA
- May, 2002 Symposium on Theoretical and Empirical Advances in the Study of Effective
Population Size, Smithsonian Institute, Washington D.C.
- Jun, 2002 National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders, NIH,
Rockville, MD
- Jun, 2002 Laboratory of Malaria and Vector Research," National Institute of Allergy and
Infectious Diseases/NIH, Bethesda, MD
- Sep, 2002 Keynote Speaker, 3rd MeHarry/Vanderbilt Alliance Genetics Symposium,
Nashville, TN
- Sep, 2002 Packard Foundation Career Awardee Meeting, Monterey, CA
- Oct, 2002 5th International Meeting on Single Nucleotide Polymorphism and Complex
Genome Analysis," Reykjavik, Iceland
- Oct, 2002 Whitehead Press Seminar, MIT, Boston, MA
- Nov, 2002 Biosciences Symposium, University of Maryland, College Park, MD

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- Nov, 2002 Meeting on East African Genetics, University of Khartoum, Khartoum, The Sudan
- 2003:
- Feb, 2003 US/Egyptian Joint Workshop on Anthropology, Cairo, Egypt
- Mar, 2003 Dept. of Epidemiology, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD
- Mar, 2003 Distinguished speaker, Computational Molecular Biology Symposium, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA
- Mar, 2003 Distinguished Lecture Series, Laboratory of Genomic Diversity, National Cancer Institute, NIH, Frederick, MD
- Apr, 2003 National Cancer Institute, NIH, Rockville, MD
- May, 2003 Workshop on genetic and linguistic history of Bantu populations of Africa, University of Lyon, Lyon, France
- Jun, 2003 National Institute of Mental Health, NIH, Baltimore, MD
- Jun, 2003 "Journey of Man: A look at our amazing human history" (lecture/commentary on a newly released documentary on the evolutionary history of the Y chromosome in humans), National Institute of General Medical Sciences, NIH, Baltimore, MD
- Oct, 2003 Symposium on host/pathogen coevolution sponsored by the Genetics and Genomics Training Grant, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
- Nov, 2003 Biosciences symposium, University of Maryland, College Park, MD
- Nov, 2003 Dept. of Biology, University of Pennsylvania, Phila., PA
- 2004:
- Feb, 2004 The Institute of Genome Research, Rockville, MD
- Feb, 2004 Dept. of Biology, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.
- Feb, 2004 Gordon Conference on Molecular Evolution, Ventura, CA.
- Mar, 2004 Symposium on Genomics and Society: Implications for the future health of Africa, Cairo, Egypt.
- Mar, 2004 Workshop on Race and Genetics, NIGR, NIH, Bethesda, MD
- Apr, 2004 Symposium on Human Ecological Immunity: Models and Methods for Future Research, AAPA/HBA meetings, Tampa, Florida
- May, 2004 Symposium on The Future of Human and Medical Genetics Based on Contributions of Arno G. Motulsky, Genome Sciences, University of Washington School of Medicine (One of seven international scientists chosen by Dr. Motulsky to speak at a symposium in honor of the establishment of an endowed chair in his name)
- Sep, 2004 American Association of Anthropology workshop on Race and Genetics, Washington D.C.
- Nov, 2004 Invited by graduate students in the Biological Sciences Program as part of their Women in Science seminar series, Case-Western University, Cleveland, OH
- 2005:
- Jan, 2005 Monell Chemical Senses Center, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
- Apr, 2005 Marshfield Medical Research Institute, Marshfield, WI
- Apr, 2005 Symposium on Bridging theory and data in the context of anthropological genetics, AAPA meeting, Milwaukee, WI
- May, 2005 National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian, Washington D.C.
- Jul, 2005 Invited Lecturer, Mammalian Genetics Course, Jackson Labs, Bar Harbor, Maine
- Dec, 2005 Dept. of Human Genetics, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
- Dec, 2005 Dept. of Biology, Duke University, Durham, NC
- 2006:
- Jun, 2006 NHGRI, NIH, Bethesda, MD

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Aug, 2006 Keynote Speaker for Workshop on The Genomic Revolution and the Origin of Humanity, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario

Oct, 2006 Symposium on natural selection and infectious disease, American Society of Human Genetics meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana

Nov, 2006 Frontiers in Biology Seminar Series, Department of Genetics, Stanford University, Stanford, CA

2007:

Feb, 2007 Dept of Genetics, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

Feb, 2007 Program in Human Genetics, University of Maryland, Baltimore, MD

Mar, 2007 Department of Genetics, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

Apr, 2007 High School Teachers Workshop, University of Maryland, Baltimore, MD

May, 2007 Biology of the Genome Meeting, Cold Spring Harbor, NY

May, 2007 Keynote speaker, American Institute of Biological Sciences Symposium, Washington D.C.

May, 2007 US Naval Observatory, Washington D.C.

May, 2007 Symposium on "Genetics of Infectious Disease", The Human Genome Organization meeting, Montreal, Canada

Jul, 2007 Human Genetics and Genomics Gordon Research Conference, Newport RI

Sep, 2007 Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute in Cambridge, UK

Oct, 2007 Banbury Conference on Human Variation, Cold Spring Harbor, NY

Oct, 2007 National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, NIH, Bethesda, MD

Nov, 2007 Keynote speaker, African Society of Human Genetics conference, Cairo, Egypt

2008:

Feb, 2008 Gordon Research Conference on Molecular Evolution, Ventura, CA

Feb, 2008 Keystone Symposium on Complex Traits: Biologic and Therapeutic Insights, Santa Fe, NM

Mar, 2008 Department of Molecular Microbiology and Immunology and the Division of Infectious Diseases, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

Mar, 2008 Division of Medical Genetics, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), Philadelphia, PA

Apr, 2008 Burroughs Wellcome Foundation, Plasmodium Meeting, London, England

Apr, 2008 Division of Nutritional Sciences, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

May, 2008 Keynote Speaker, Evolution and Medicine Lecture Series, NIGMS, NIH (filmed for video archive)

Jun, 2008 Invited speaker, Society for Molecular Biology and Evolution and European Society of Human Genetics Meeting, Barcelona, Spain.

Jun, 2008 Society for Molecular Biology and Evolution Meeting, section on infectious disease evolution

Sep, 2008 Symposium in honor of Charles Darwin, Smurfit Institute of Genetics, Dublin, Ireland

Oct, 2008 Banbury Meeting on Ancestry in Human Populations, Cold Spring Harbor, NY

Oct, 2008 Workshop on Natural Selection, Ethics, and Disease, NIH, Bethesda, MD

Oct, 2008 Human Genome Variation Meeting, Toronto, Canada

Nov, 2008 Genetics Colloquium in Honor of Charles Darwin, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI

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Jan, 2009	Genomics Colloquium in honor of Charles Darwin, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH
Feb, 2009	Symposium on Adaptation in honor of Charles Darwin, organized by Eric Green, AAAS Meeting, Chicago, IL.
Feb, 2009	University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, Darwin's Legacy in 21st Century Biology Symposium, Philadelphia, PA
Mar, 2009	African Society of Human Genetics Conference, Yaounde, Cameroon
Mar, 2009	Wellcome Trust Meeting, Yaounde, Cameroon
Apr, 2009	Keynote speaker at Case Western University as part of their celebration of the 150th anniversary in 2008-09 of the publication of the Darwin-Wallace paper, Cleveland, OH
Apr, 2009	Invited speaker, American Academy of Physical Anthropologists Meeting, Chicago, IL
Apr, 2009	Making History Campaign, University of Pennsylvania held in Washington, DC
May, 2009	Cold Spring Harbor Symposium in honor of Charles Darwin titled "Evolution - the Molecular Landscape"
May, 2009	Linguistics and Genetics Workshop, Center for Behavior, Evolution, and Culture, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA
May, 2009	Darwin Symposium Series, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA
Jul, 2009	Duke University, HOMINID Project group
Oct, 2009	Conference on Host Genetics Control of Infectious Diseases, Pasteur Institute, Paris, France
Oct, 2009	Keynote Speaker, Special Symposium on the 200th anniversary of the birth of Charles Darwin, American Society of Human Genetics Meeting, Honolulu, HI
Nov, 2009	North Carolina State, Genomics Program, Raleigh, NC
Dec, 2009	Sackler Colloquia "In the Light of Evolution IV: The Human Condition" National Academies of Sciences, Irvine, CA
Dec, 2009	Penn Alumni Event "Engaging Minds", NYC Times Center
<u>2010:</u>	
Jan, 2010	Department of Biology, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia
Jan, 2010	University of Botswana, Gaborone, Botswana
Jan, 2010	The Malaria Research and Training Unit, Bamako, Mali
Feb, 2010	African American Origins Workshop organized by Henry Louis Gates, Harvard University
Feb, 2010	NIH workshop on lactose intolerance, Washington, DC
Mar, 2010	UC San Diego, Genomics Seminar Series
Mar, 2010	Center for Academic Research and Training in Anthropology (CARTA), Human Origins Workshop, UCSD
Apr, 2010	Global Health Program of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Meeting focused on studies of vaccine efficiency in developing countries
Apr, 2010	SUNY Stony Brook, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
May, 2010	Keynote Speaker, Genomics Retreat, Univ of Utah
Jun, 2010	BioMAPS Institute for Quantitative Biology, summer school speaker, Rutgers University
Jul, 2010	Invited Lecturer, Jackson Labs, Annual Short Course on Experimental and Medical Mammalian Genetics, Bar Harbor, ME
Oct, 2010	Meeting on "Beyond the Genome: The true gene count, human evolution and disease

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genomics", Harvard University Medical School, Boston, MA
 Oct, 2010 Keynote Speaker, Human Genetics Institute of New Jersey, Rutgers University
 Nov, 2010 University of Washington, Genome Sciences, Invited by graduate students
 Dec, 2010 Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology, Johns Hopkins University
 Dec, 2010 Arnold D. Kates Lecturer, Bowdoin College, ME

2011:

Jan, 2011 Department of Genetics, Mt Sinai University, New York
 Feb, 2011 Session Titled "Humans Without Borders: Evolutionary Processes at Work in Humans and Their Relatives", AAAS Meeting
 Mar, 2011 Keynote Speaker, African Society of Human Genetics Meeting, Cape Town, South Africa
 Mar, 2011 Lecture at Centre for San Studies, University of Botswana, Gaborone, Botswana
 Apr, 2011 Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ
 Jun, 2011 Department of Genetics, Harvard University (Graduate Student Invited Lecture)
 Jun, 2011 The Sheba Legacy Meeting "The Genetics of migrant and isolated populations 1961-2011" Dan Accadia, Israel
 Jun, 2011 CHOP/Penn Next Generation Sequencing Symposium
 Jul, 2011 Invited Lecturer, Jackson Labs Annual Short Course on Mammalian Genetics, Bar Harbor, ME
 Sep, 2011 Department Seminar, Panel Discussion on BBC Film, Advanced Seminar in undergraduate course "Evolutionary Medicine". Yale University, New Haven, CT.
 Oct, 2011 Department of Anthropology, Washington University St. Louis, St. Louis, MO
 Oct, 2011 HHMI Holiday Lectures, live and videotaped broadcast to high school students, Washington, DC
 Nov, 2011 Roland Pinkham Basic Science Lecture, University of Washington, Seattle, WA.
 Dec, 2011 NESCent Workshop on Language Evolution, Durham, NC

2012:

Jan, 2012 Department of Pathology and Medicine at the Philadelphia VA Medical Center (PVAMC)
 Jan, 2012 Affymetrix, Santa Clara, CA
 Jan, 2012 Symposium on Human Genomic Variation, UC Berkeley.
 Feb, 2012 Armauer Hansen Research Institute, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
 Mar, 2012 Keynote Speaker, Genetics of the Peoples of Africa and the Transatlantic Diaspora, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC
 Apr, 2012 W.E.B. Du Bois Lecture Series, W.E.B. Du Bois Institute for African and African American Studies, Harvard University
 Apr, 2012 Center for Academic Research and Training in Anthropogeny, UCSD, San Diego.
 Jul, 2012 Invited Lecturer, Jackson Labs Short Course in Mammalian Genetics, Bar Harbor, ME
 Sep, 2012 Keynote Speaker, Genomics of Common Diseases 2012 organized by Nature Genetics and Wellcome Trust, Potomac, MD.
 Sep, 2012 Keynote Speaker, Bioinformatics & Genomics (B & G) Retreat 2012 at Pennsylvania State University
 Oct, 2012 13th Annual Genetics Symposium, Vanderbilt Center for Human Genetics Research, Nashville, TN

2013:

Jan, 2013 University of Pennsylvania Anthropology Colloquium
Feb, 2013 Eugene Perrin Lecture on Health Sciences and Peace, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI
Feb, 2013 University of Pennsylvania, FOCUS on Health & Leadership for Women
Mar, 2013 Williams College, Williamstown, MA
Mar, 2013 Four Field Colloquium series, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
Apr, 2013 Keynote speaker, GET (Genomes, Environment, Traits) conference, Boston, MA
Apr, 2013 Keynote speaker, Symposium in honor of the 10th anniversary of the Human Genome Project, NHGRI, NIH
May, 2013 Plenary Speaker, Genetics and Genomics Section, American Thoracic Society International Conference in Philadelphia
Jun, 2013 Plenary Lecturer, Endocrine Society (ENDO) meeting 2013, San Francisco, CA
Jul, 2013 Invited Lecturer, Jackson Labs Short Course in Mammalian Genetics, Bar Harbor, ME
Sep, 2013 Plenary Speaker, Clarke Forum for Contemporary Issues, Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania
Sep, 2013 Discussant, The African Diaspora: Integrating Culture Genomics and History Symposium, Smithsonian Museum/NHGRI
Oct, 2013 Invited Lecturer, Penn Institute for Computational Science (PICS) Kickoff Symposium
Oct, 2013 Symposium in honor of Kenneth Kidd, Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard, Boston, MA
Oct, 2013 Plenary Speaker, Dean's Distinguished Lecture series, Rowan College, PA
Nov, 2013 Interdisciplinary Sciences Seminar Series, Gettysburg College, PA
Nov, 2013 Yale University, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

2014:

Jan, 2014 Lecture, Neonatology Research Seminar, University of Pennsylvania
Feb, 2014 Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Brown University
Feb, 2014 Invited Speaker, Alabama Lectures on Life's Evolution (ALLELE), University of Alabama, Huntsville
Mar, 2014 Invited Speaker, Cell Symposium: Evolution of Modern Humans - From Bones to Genomes, Meliá, Sitges, Spain
Apr, 2014 Invited Speaker, the 7th Annual Dartmouth Integrative Biology Symposium
Apr, 2014 Keynote Speaker, RECOMB 2014 (Research in Computational Molecular Biology) Pittsburgh, PA
Apr, 2014 Invited Lecturer, Department of Pathology Grand Rounds, University of Pennsylvania
May, 2014 Cornell Center for Comparative and Population Genomics
May, 2014 Laureate's Lecture, School of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh
Jun, 2014 Keynote Speaker, International Conference on Zebrafish Development and Genetics, Madison Wisconsin
Jun, 2014 Plenary Speaker, Society for Molecular Biology and Evolution, San Juan, Puerto Rico
Jul, 2014 Invited Speaker, Principals in Population Genetics: A coalescence of community to celebrate Andy Clark, Cornell

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Jul, 2014 Invited lecturer, Jackson Labs Course in Mammalian Genetics, Bar Harbor, ME
 Dec, 2014 High Risk/High Reward Symposium, NIH

2015:

Jan, 2015 University of Yaounde, Cameroon
 Feb, 2015 Plenary Speaker, Advances in Genome Biology and Technology (AGBT) meeting, Marco Island, Florida
 Apr, 2015 Wolk Lecture, Colgate University, Hamilton, NY
 Apr, 2015 Invited Speaker, Genomics, Genetics, and Systems Biology (GGSB) symposium on Human Evolution, University of Chicago
 Apr, 2015 Invited Speaker, PASEF, University of Pennsylvania
 May, 2015 Department of Human Genetics, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA
 May, 2015 Invited Speaker, Center for Excellence in Environmental Toxicology Annual symposium, University of Pennsylvania
 May 2015 Invited Speaker, New York Genome Center Genentech, San Francisco, CA
 June, 2015 Invited Lecturer, Jackson Labs, 56th Annual Short Course on Medical and Experimental Mammalian Genetics, Bar Harbor, ME
 July, 2015 Department of Biology, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, CA
 Sept, 2015 Keynote Speaker, Biological Graduate Studies 30th anniversary Symposium, University of Pennsylvania
 Oct, 2015 Harris Lewin Pioneer Lecture, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
 Oct, 2015 Invited Speaker, Bioinformatics and Systems Biology Symposium Series, UCSD, San Diego, California (rescheduled)
 Nov, 2015 Invited Speaker, AAAS Meeting Symposium on “The Human Story in Africa”, Washington DC

2016:

Feb, 2016 Darwin Lecture, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA
 Feb, 2016 Darwin Lecture, Center for Genomics and Systems Biology, NYU, New York, NY
 March 2016 Department of Systems Biology, Columbia University, New York, NY
 April 2016 Keynote Speaker, Genomics and Systems Biology Retreat, UCSD, CA
 May 2016 U of Utah School of Medicine Benning Medical Society Lecture
 May 2016 Invited Speaker, Keystone Symposia on “Understanding the Function of Human Genome Variation”, Uppsala, Sweden.
 July, 2016 Invited Lecturer, Jackson Labs 57th Human and Mammalian Genomics Course, Bar Harbor, ME
 Sept, 2016 Colloquium on the Biology of Populations, Princeton University
 Oct, 2016 Invited Speaker, Symposium on Pharmacogenetics, ASHG
 Nov, 2016 Featured speaker at Genomics and Health Disparities Lecture sponsored by NHGRI/NIH and FDA.
 Dec, 2016 Invited Lecture, Duke University Program in Genetics and Genomics

2017:

March, 2017 Rutgers University, graduate student invited speaker
 April 2017 14th Annual CC Li Lecture, University of Pittsburgh
 May, 2017 Evelyn Spritz Lecture in Human Genetics and Genomics, University of Colorado School of Medicine, Boulder, CO
 June, 2017 World Science Festival, New York, NY

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June, 2017 Marabou Symposium on "Nutrition and Human Evolution"
 August, 2017 Department of Human Genetics, Vanderbilt University
 Sept. 2017 Keynote Speaker, International Pigment Cell Conference, Denver, CO

Organizing Roles in Scientific Meetings:

Oct, 2000 Co-organized a workshop on "African Genetic Diversity" at the American Society of Human Genetics meeting
 Philadelphia, PA
 Oct, 2001 Co-organized and moderated a symposium on "Genetics of African Populations: Implications for studies of human origins and human disease," American Society of Human Genetics Meeting
 San Diego, CA
 Oct, 2001 Co-organized a workshop on "African Genetic Diversity" at the American Society of Human Genetics meeting
 San Diego, CA
 Oct, 2002 Co-organized a workshop on "African Genetic Diversity" at the American Society of Human Genetics meeting
 Baltimore, MD
 Oct, 2010 Co-organizer and Moderator, Session on next generation sequencing studies of human variation at "Beyond the Genome: The true gene count, human evolution and disease genomics" in celebration of the 10th anniversary of Genome Biology Journal, Harvard Medical School
 Boston, MA
 Nov, 2010 Chair, Genomics Session, American Society of Human Genetics Annual Meeting
 Washington, DC
 Apr, 2012 Co-organizer and moderator, Workshop on "Co-evolution of genes and culture", Center for Academic Research and Training in Anthropology (CARTA), UCSD
 San Diego, CA
 March 2016 Co-Organizer of Working Group to study the Impact of Ecotourism on Indigenous Culture, University of Pennsylvania
 June, 2016 Organizer of Symposium on Evolution and Disease in Africa, International Society for Evolution, Medicine, and Public Health
 Oct, 2017 Co-Organizer of Working Group to study The Global Impacts of Race on Biomedicine

Grants:Current:

Adaptation to diet and its impact on the gut microbiome and genomic variation in ethnically diverse Africans, National Science Foundation, BCS-1317217, 2013 – 2016 (Sarah Tishkoff, PI)

Integrative Nutrigenomic and Metabolomic Analyses of Africans with Variable Diets, National Institutes of Health, 1R01DK104339-01, 12/01/14 – 11/30/18 (Sarah Tishkoff, PI)

Integrative Genomic of Body Size and Metabolism in Ethnically Diverse Africans, National Institutes of Health, 1R01GM113657-01, 01/15/15 – 01/14/19 (Sarah Tishkoff, PI).

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The Population Genetics of Divergence, National Institutes of Health, 2R01 GM078204-05, 01/01/15 – 12/31/16 (Jody Hey, PI)

Past:

Statistical Methods for Next-generation sequence data, National Institutes of Health, 5R01GM097505-02, 2013 – 2016 (Hongzhe Lee, PI). Goal: development of novel statistical methods and computational tools for statistical and probabilistic modeling of large-scale next-generation sequence (NGS) data motivated by important biological questions and experiments.

Population Genomics of Geographically and Ethnically Diverse Africans, National Human Genome Research Institute, F32HG006648, 2011-2014 (Joseph Lachance, PI), (Role in grant: Mentor for Joseph Lachance, Goal: Population genomics analysis of ethnically diversity Africans)

African Odyssey: An Integrative Genomics Analysis Of Complex Physiologic Traits, National Institutes Of Health, 5-DP1-OD-006445, 2009-2014 (Sarah Anne Tishkoff, PI), (Role in grant: PI, Goal: To use evolutionary biology, genomics, and systems biology approaches to dissect the genetic architecture of complex physiological traits across ethnically and geographically diverse Africans.)

African Integrative Genomics, PGFI Special Initiatives Funding, 1/2010-7/2013 (Tishkoff, PI), (Role in grant: PI, Goal: RNA Sequencing of RNA obtained from white cells from ethnically diverse Africans)

Collaborative Research: Genetic Bases For The Evolution Of Human Diet, National Science Foundation, BCS-0827436, 10/2008-9/2013 (Sarah Anne Tishkoff, PI) (Role in grant: PI, Goal: To study the evolution of diet during human origins.)

African Diversity and the Genetics of Human Health, National Human Genome Research Institute, 5-F32-HG005292-03, 9/2009-10/2011 (Joe Jarvis, PI), (Role in grant: Mentor for Joseph Jarvis, Goal: postdoctoral training to study association mapping in structured populations)

Doctoral Dissertation Improvement: Patterns Of Genetic Diversity And Signatures Of Natural Selection At The Intercellular Adhesion Molecule-1 (ICAM-1) And CD36 Loci, Directorate For Social, Behavioral And Economic Sciences/NSF, 0925802, 9/2009-8/2010 (Sarah Anne Tishkoff, PI), (Role in grant: PI, Goal: To fund graduate student research of Felicia Gomez to study nucleotide diversity at malaria susceptibility loci)

Association Mapping In Structured Populations, Stanford University, 26275940-49517-A, 8/2007-7/2011 (Carlos Bustamante, PI: Sarah Anne Tishkoff, Co-Principal Investigator), Goal: To develop novel statistical methods for association mapping in structured populations. Note: Originally applied for this joint NSF/NIH RFA as a full PI (multiple PIs). NIH awarded Bustamante as the sole PI and Tishkoff as a co-PI.)

Genetic History Of East Africa, National Science Foundation, BCS-0905858, 4/2007-3/2010 (Sarah Anne Tishkoff, PI), (Role in grant: PI, Goal: To reconstruct human evolutionary history of East African populations.)

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Molecular, Statistical, And Bioinformatics Analysis Of Plasmodium And Human Genome Co-Evolution, Human Frontier Science Program Organization, GRP0054/2006-C, 12/2006-11/2010 (Sarah Anne Tishkoff, PI), (Role in grant: PI, Goal: To study co-evolution of human and Plasmodium falciparum genomes.)

Variation At Malaria Resistance Genes In Africans, National Institutes Of Health, 5-R01-GM-076637-05REVISED, 6/2006-12/2010 (Sarah Anne Tishkoff, PI), (Role in grant: PI, Goal: To characterize nucleotide diversity at loci involved in malarial resistance in African populations.)

Characterizing a Genetic History of African Populations, NRSA Postdoctoral Fellowship, 1/2006-1/2008 (Floyd Reed, PI), (Role in grant: Mentor for Floyd Reed, Goal: Postdoctoral Fellowship to characterize genetic substructure in Africans using a genome-wide panel of markers.)

Genetic History of East African Populations, Leakey Foundation, 1/2006-1/2007 (Sarah Anne Tishkoff, PI), (Role in grant: PI, Goal: To conduct fieldwork in Kenya and Ethiopia in order to collect DNA samples obtained from whole blood.)

The Co-Evolution of Human Plasmodium Genomic Interactions, Keck Foundation, 1/2006-1/2007 (Awadalla, PI: Sarah Anne Tishkoff, Co-Investigator), (Role in grant: Co-PI, Goal: to study variation at malaria susceptibility loci)

Genetic Structure of African and African American Populations, Center for Medical Genetics, Mammalian Genotyping Service, 1/2005-1/2006 (Sarah Anne Tishkoff, PI), (Role in grant: PI, Two competitive awards to have the Marshfield panel of 800 microsatellite and 400 in/del markers genotyped in ~3000 samples. Goal: to determine genetic structure of African and African American populations and identify markers and populations useful for gene mapping studies.)

Nucleotide Variability and Signatures of Natural Selection at the Human Vasopressin Type 2 (AVPRS) and Oxytocin Receptor (OTR) Loci, NSF Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, 1/2005-1/2006 (Sarah Anne Tishkoff, PI), (Role in grant: PI, Goal: To fund PhD work of Lisa Pfeiffer to resequence the vasopressin type 2 and oxytocin receptor genes in geographically diverse populations in order to identify functionally significant mutations.)

Genetic Structure of African and African American Populations, Center for Medical Genetics, Mammalian Genotyping Service, 1/2004-1/2005 (Sarah Anne Tishkoff, PI), (Role in grant: PI, Two competitive awards to have the Marshfield panel of 800 microsatellite and 200 in/del markers genotyped in ~3200 samples. Goal: to determine genetic structure of African and African American populations and identify markers and populations useful for gene mapping studies.)

Genetic History of Kenyan Populations, Leakey Foundation, 1/2003-1/2006 (Sarah Anne Tishkoff, PI), (Role in grant: PI, Goal: To provide funding for a Kenyan PhD student studying genetic diversity of Kenyan populations.)

The Co-Evolution Of Human And Plasmodium Genomic Interactions, David And Lucile Packard Foundation, 2001-19049/2001-19049A, 11/2001-10/2006 (with extensions through 2009) (Sarah Anne Tishkoff, PI), (Role in grant: PI, Career Award)

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Integrative Human Evolutionary Biology, NSF IGERT Training Grant, 1/2000-1/2007 (Sarah Tishkoff, PI; Greg Wray, Co-Investigator), (Role in grant: Co-PI, Goal: to provide interdisciplinary graduate training in human evolutionary biology.)

Genetic Variation Among Linguistically Diverse Tanzanian Populations: Implications for East African History and Modern Human Origins, NSF, BCS 9905396, 1/1999-1/2004 (Sarah Anne Tishkoff, PI), (Role in grant: PI, Goal: to obtain DNA samples and to characterize genetic diversity amongst linguistically diverse Tanzanian populations in order to reconstruct population histories and modern human origins.)

Genetic Diversity of Tanzanian Hunter-Gatherer Populations, Leakey Foundation, 1/1999-1/2001 (Sarah Anne Tishkoff, PI), (Role in grant: PI, Goal: to characterize genetic diversity and history of hunter-gatherer populations of Tanzania.)

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Alternative Media:

Media/Public Outreach and Education:

I have assisted with public outreach and education (particularly at the high school and undergraduate college level) by the development of several websites and videos describing my research including:

- University of Maryland
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- Developed a Slide show with Peter Nichols at the University of Pennsylvania
<http://www.sas.upenn.edu/home/SASFrontiers/tishkoff.html>.
- Featured in NIGMS “computing Life” website in which students could ask me questions about my research via the web.
<http://publications.nigms.nih.gov/computinglife/answers.htm>
- Videotaped by the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Anthropology and Archeology for the exhibit on Human Origins (2008-present)
- Videotaped by the American Museum of Natural History in New York for their exhibit on Human Origins (2008-present)
- Videotaped by Cold Spring Harbor for a video to be used for educational purposes. I also helped them to develop a high school laboratory project for genotyping genetic variants associated with lactose intolerance in Africans.
- Videotaped by National Institute of Medical Sciences as part of their public education effort (<http://publications.nigms.nih.gov/multimedia/captions/tishkoff-captions.html>) (May 2008)
- Consultant and featured scientist for Genetics textbook for children published by National Geographic (2008)
- Videotaped commentary about publication of Neanderthal Genome on *Science magazine* website (May 2010).
- Production of a live webcast and video for HHMI as part of the Holiday Lectures series entitled “Bones Stones and Genes: The Origin of Modern Humans”. The video, which also features an interview and filming of lab work at Penn, will be distributed to >20,000 high schools nationally and internationally (October 2011)
- Advisor for development of NIH Curriculum Supplement on Evolution and Medicine (2011)
- Production of Documentary for the University of Munich LMU (2012) “Good milk / bad milk” (<http://www.evolutionoflife.com/en/observe/video/fiche/good-milk-bad-milk.html>)
- Advisor for the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History and NHGRI for production of an exhibit on the Human Genome (2012-2013).
- American Society of Cell Biology (ASCB) iBioSeminar, a web-based seminar series (<http://www.ascb.org/ibioseminars/>) (2013)
- Discussant, videotaped public symposium, The African Diaspora: Integrating Culture Genomics and History Symposium, Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History (2013)

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- *Science* 271:1341, March 8, 1996
- *Science* 292:627-629, April 27, 2001
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- *Nature* 444:994-996, December 2006
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My research was featured in NIGMS Findings magazine, February 2009.

I have done numerous interviews with the media including two documentaries featured on Discovery channel and PBS, four radio interviews on BBC, five radio interviews on NPR, two radio interviews with WTOP, two radio interviews with CBC radio in Canada, an interview on the Koji Nnamdi show on WAMU in Washington, DC, and two interviews on Radio Times with Marty Moss-Cohane on WHYY in Philadelphia.

My research has been featured in hundreds of media reports including the *New York Times* (seven times), *Washington Post* (five times), *Baltimore Sun* (three times), *LA Times* (three times), *Philadelphia Inquirer* (five times), *US News and World Report*, *The Economist*, *National Geographic*, *Popular Science*, *Science News*, *Discovery News*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, *American Scientist*, *Scientific American*, *Newsday*, *Genome Web News*, *Associated Press*, CNN, ABC News, *Men's Health Magazine*, *Sports Illustrated*, *Discover Magazine*, among others.

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Taking race out of human genetics

Engaging a century-long debate about the role of race in science

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In the wake of the sequencing of the human genome in the early 2000s, genome pioneers and social scientists alike called for an end to the use of race as a variable in genetic research (1, 2). Unfortunately, by some measures, the use of race as a biological category has increased in the postgenomic age (3). Although inconsistent definition and use has been a chief problem with the race concept, it has historically been used as a taxonomic categorization based on common hereditary traits (such as skin color) to elucidate the relationship between our ancestry and our genes. We believe the use of biological concepts of race in human genetic research—so disputed and so mired in confusion—is problematic at best and harmful at worst. It is time for biologists to find a better way.

Racial research has a long and controversial history. At the turn of the 20th century, sociologist and civil rights leader W. E. B. Du Bois was the first to synthesize natural and social scientific research to conclude that the concept of race was not a scientific category. Contrary to the then-dominant view, Du Bois maintained that health disparities between blacks and whites stemmed from social, not biological, inequality (4). Evolutionary geneticist Theodosius Dobzhansky, whose work helped reimagine the race concept in the 1930s at the outset of the evolutionary synthesis, wrestled with many of the same problems modern biologists face when studying human populations—for example, how to define and sample populations and genes (5). For much of his career, Dobzhansky brushed aside criticism of the race concept, arguing that the problem with race was not its scientific use, but its nonscientific misuse. Over time, he grew disillusioned, concerned that scientific study of human diversity had “floundered in confusion and misunderstanding” (6). His transformation from defender to detractor of the race concept in biology still resonates.

Today, scientists continue to draw wildly different conclusions on the utility of the race

concept in biological research. Some have argued that relevant genetic information can be seen at the racial level (7) and that race is the best proxy we have for examining human genetic diversity (8, 9). Others have concluded that race is neither a relevant nor accurate way to understand or map human genetic diversity (10, 11). Still others have argued that race-based predictions in clinical settings, because of the heterogeneous nature of racial groups, are of questionable use (12), particularly as the prevalence of admixture increases across populations.

Several meetings and journal articles have called attention to a host of issues, which include (i) a proposed shift to “focus

on racism (i.e., social relations) rather than race (i.e., supposed innate biologic predisposition) in the interpretation of racial/ethnic ‘effects’” (13); (ii) a failure of scientists to distinguish between self-identified racial categories and assigned or assumed racial categories (14); and (iii) concern over “the haphazard use and reporting of racial/ethnic variables in genetic research” (15) and a need to justify use of racial categories relative to the research questions asked and methods used (6). Several academic journals have taken up this last concern and, with mixed success, have issued guidelines for use of race in research they publish (16). Despite these concerns, there have been no

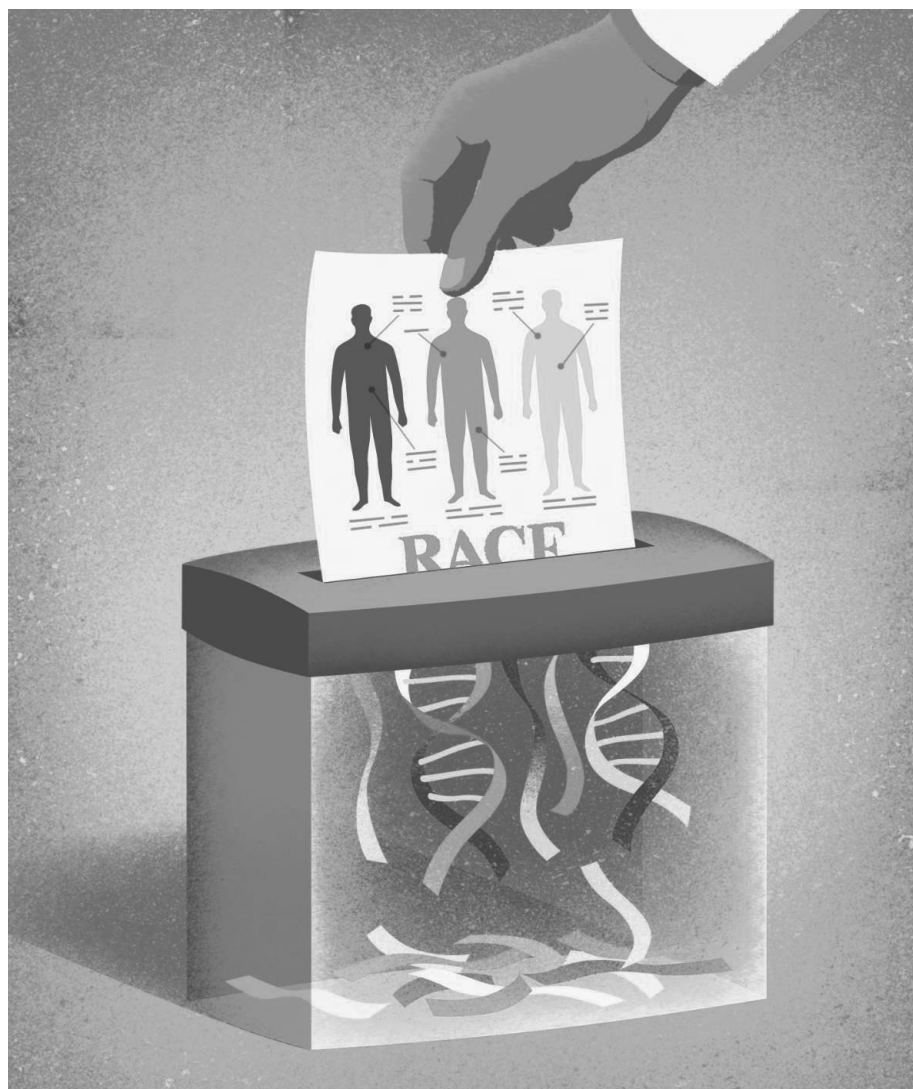


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systematic attempts to address these issues and the situation has worsened with the rise of large-scale genetic surveys that use race as a tool to stratify these data (17).

It is important to distinguish ancestry from a taxonomic notion such as race. Ancestry is a process-based concept, a statement about an individual's relationship to other individuals in their genealogical history; thus, it is a very personal understanding of one's genomic heritage. Race, on the other hand, is a pattern-based concept that has led scientists and laypersons alike to draw conclusions about hierarchical organization of humans, which connect an individual to a larger pre-conceived geographically circumscribed or socially constructed group.

Unlike earlier disagreements concerning race and biology, today's discussions generally lack clear ideological and political antipodes of "racist" and "nonracist." Most contemporary discussions about race among scientists concern examination of population-level differences between groups, with

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the goal of understanding human evolutionary history, characterizing the frequency of traits within and between populations, and using an individual's self-identified ancestry to identify genetic risk factors of disease and to help determine the best course of medical treatments (6).

If this is what race in contemporary scientific and medical practice is about, then why should we be concerned? One reason is that phylogenetic and population genetic methods do not support a priori classifications of race, as expected for an interbreeding species like *Homo sapiens* (11, 18). As a result, racial assumptions are not the biological guideposts some believe them to be, as commonly defined racial groups are genetically heterogeneous and lack clear-cut genetic boundaries (10, 11). For example, hemoglobinopathies can be misdiagnosed because of the identification of sickle-cell as a “Black” disease and thalassemia as a “Mediterranean” disease (10). Cystic fibrosis is underdiagnosed in populations of African ancestry, because it is thought of as a “White” disease (19). Popular misinterpretations of the use of race in genetics also continue to fuel racist beliefs, so much so that, in 2014, a group of leading human population geneticists publicly refuted

claims about the genetic basis of social differences between races (20). Finally, the use of the race concept in genetics, an issue that has vexed natural and social scientists for more than a century, will not be obviated by new technologies. Although the low cost of next-generation sequencing has facilitated efforts to sequence hundreds of thousands of individuals, adding whole-genome sequences does not negate the fact that racial classifications do not make sense in terms of genetics.

More than five decades after Dobzhansky called on biologists to develop better methods for investigating human genetic diversity (21), biology remains stuck in a paradox that reflects Dobzhansky's own struggle with the race concept: both believing race to be a tool to elucidate human genetic diversity and believing that race is a poorly defined marker of that diversity and an imprecise proxy for the relation between ancestry and genetics. In an attempt to resolve this paradox and to improve study of human genetic diversity, we propose the following.

Scientific journals and professional societies should encourage use of terms like “ancestry” or “population” to describe human groupings in genetic studies and should require authors to clearly define how they are using such variables. It is preferable to refer to geographic ancestry, culture, socioeconomic status, and language, among other variables, depending on the questions being addressed, to untangle the complicated relationship between humans, their evolutionary history, and their health. Some have shown that substituting such terms for race changes nothing if the underlying racial thinking stays the same (22, 23). But language matters, and the scientific language of race has a considerable influence on how the public (which includes scientists) understands human diversity (24). We are not the first to call for change on this subject. But, to date, calls to rationalize the use of concepts in the study of human genetic diversity, particularly race, have been implemented only in a piecemeal and inconsistent fashion, which perpetuates ambiguity of the concept and makes sustained change unfeasible (16). Having journals rationalize the use of classificatory terminology in studying human genetic diversity would force scientists to clarify their use and would allow researchers to understand and interpret data across studies. It would help avoid confusing, inconsistent, and contradictory usage of such terms.

Phasing out racial terminology in biological sciences would send an important message to scientists and the public alike: Historical racial categories that are treated as natural and infused with notions of superiority and inferiority have no place in biology. We acknowledge that using race as a political or social category to study racism and

its biological effects, although fraught with challenges, remains necessary. Such research is important to understand how structural inequities and discrimination produce health disparities in socioculturally defined groups.

The U.S. National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine should convene a panel of experts from biological sciences, social sciences, and humanities to recommend ways for research into human biological diversity to move past the use of race as a tool for classification in both laboratory and clinical research. Such an effort would bring stakeholders together for a simple goal: to improve the scientific study of human difference and commonality. The committee would be charged with examining current and historical usage of the race concept and ways current and future technology may improve the study of human genetic diversity; thus, they could take up Dobzhansky's challenge that “the problem that now faces the science of man [sic] is how to devise better methods for further observations that will give more meaningful results” (21). Regardless of where one stands on this issue, this is an opportunity to strengthen research by thinking more carefully about human genetic diversity. ■

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