

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

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4:00 p.m.

Washington University School of Medicine
Eric P. Newman Education Center
320 South Euclid Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63110

“Bending the Arc: Harnessing Research and Engagement for Health Equity”

Guest Speaker:

Brian Smedley, Ph.D.

Co-Founder and Executive Director
of the National Collaborative for Health Equity

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Program

Welcome **Will Ross, M.D., M.P.H.**
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Remarks **Mark S. Wrighton, Ph.D.**
Chancellor, Washington University in St. Louis

Remarks **David Perlmutter, M.D.**
Executive Vice Chancellor for Medical Affairs and Dean
Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine

Introduction of
Brian D. Smedley, Ph.D..... Vetta L. Sanders-Thompson, Ph.D.
Professor of Public Health and
Co-director, Center for Community Health,
Partnership, and Research

“Bending the Arc:..... Brian D. Smedley, Ph.D.
Harnessing Research and Co-Founder and Executive Director
Engagement for Health Equity” of the National Collaborative for Health Equity

Question & Answer Session..... Audience



Brian D. Smedley is co-founder and Executive Director of the National Collaborative for Health Equity, a project that connects research, policy analysis, and communications with on-the-ground activism to advance health equity. In this role, Dr. Smedley oversees several initiatives designed to improve opportunities for good health for people of color and undo the health consequences of racism. From 2008 to 2014, Dr. Smedley was Vice President and Director of the Health Policy Institute of the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies in Washington, DC, a research and policy organization focused on addressing the needs of communities of color. In that position, Dr. Smedley oversaw all of the operations of the Institute, which was started in 2002 with funding from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. The Institute has a dual focus: to explore disparities in health and to generate policy recommendations on longstanding health equity concerns.

Formerly, Dr. Smedley was Research Director and co-founder of a communications, research and policy organization, the *Opportunity Agenda*, where he led the organization's effort to center equity in state and national health reform discussions and to build the national will to expand opportunity for all. To that end, Smedley is a co-editor, along with Alan Jenkins, of the book, *All Things Being Equal: Instigating Opportunity in an Inequitable Time*. Prior to helping launch The Opportunity Agenda, Dr. Smedley was a Senior Program Officer in the Division of Health Sciences Policy of the Institute of Medicine (IOM), where he served as Study Director for the landmark IOM reports, *“In the Nation's Compelling Interest: Ensuring Diversity in the Health Care Workforce”* and *“Unequal Treatment: Confronting Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health Care”*, and other reports on diversity in the health professions and minority health research policy.

Dr. Smedley came to the IOM from the American Psychological Association, where he worked on a wide range of social, health, and education policy topics in his capacity as Director for Public Interest Policy. Prior to working at the APA, Dr. Smedley served as a Congressional Science Fellow in the office of Rep. Robert C. Scott (D-VA), sponsored by the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Among his awards and distinctions, in 2013 Smedley received the American Public Health Association's Cornely Award for Social Activism; in 2009 Smedley received the Congressional Black Caucus Congressional Leadership in Advocacy Award; in 2004 he was honored by the Rainbow/PUSH coalition as a “Health Trailblazer” award winner; and in 2002 he was awarded the Congressional Black Caucus “Healthcare Hero” award. Smedley holds an undergraduate degree from Harvard University and a PhD in psychology from UCLA.