



Trauma and the African American Health Experience Wednesday, May 27, 2020

3:00 - 4:00pm

Since enacted by Congress and signed into law by the President in January 2018, the 400 Years of African American History Commission (400 YAAHC) develops and facilitates activities throughout the United States to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the arrival of Africans in the English colonies at Point Comfort, Virginia, in 1619. The Commission is further charged with recognizing and highlighting the resilience and contributions of African Americans from that seminal moment forward, while simultaneously acknowledging the painful impact of slavery, racial discrimination, and racism then and now on our Nation. Because of the efforts of the 400 Commission, Americans of all stripes are becoming more aware of the immense sacrifices and prodigious contributions made by African Americans to our Nation over the course of the last 400 years and beyond.

On Wednesday, May 27, 2020, the Commission and its distinguished guests will present the first in a series of public education topics offered monthly from May through September, 2020 to educate the public about the little known, lesser, and even better known stories of African American history and culture. In navigating trying times and in the continuous quest for equality, this month's session will examine health and the clandestine and often traumatic intersection of bioethics in medical research. The moderated conversation and remarks will emphasize statistical realities and research informing health disparities and gaps. It will highlight the less known story of African American contributions and reveal numerous instances in history in which vulnerabilities and even inhumane victimization have led to amazing discoveries, unearthed significant gaps and disparities, and have resulted in the need and required enforcement of stronger protections and cutting-edge research to advance medical science.

GUESTS INCLUDE:

Dr. Rex M. Ellis

Chair

400 Years of African American History Commission (400 YAAHC)

Host

Ms. Harriet A. Washington

Lecturer in Bioethics at Columbia University Award winning Medical Writer and Author of *Medical Apartheid*

Dr. Cheryl T. Grills

Director of the Psychology Applied Research Center of Bellarmine College of Liberal Arts at Loyola Marymount University of Los Angeles, CA Moderator

Prophet N. Anyanwu Cox

Commissioner

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