

On the Shoulders of Giants:

A Reckoning with Social Justice

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Appendix. Interview Guide

Introduction

1. Please tell us about your professional self and provide an overview of what you consider to be your significant contributions to the field of bioethics.

Past

2. We would like to know more about your own bioethics “origin story,” i.e., how you became involved in this particular disciplinary field.
 - a. Did personal experience have a role in steering you towards bioethics?
 - b. Was there a particular person who influenced or encouraged you to first enter into the bioethics world, and if so, what was it that they said/did that motivated you to take that professional step?
 - c. What was your experience like entering the field as Black scholar?
 - d. Can you share a memorable challenging episode/event where you saw a need for a “bioethics’ reckoning,” that is, to say where your privileged (outsider within) insights allowed you recognize a need to address structural racism?
 - e. Did you find a place in the world of bioethics to express aspects of your own intersectional identity?
 - f. Who inspired your bioethics perspective, i.e., who were/are your bioethics “people”?
 - g. What disciplines/disciplinary approaches felt like they were your scholarly home?

Present

3. The topic for this special report is anti-Black racism and bioethics, which was chosen deliberately by our diverse steering committee with the intention of centering and honoring Black voices and scholars in the ongoing struggle for liberation. This decision is not meant to be at the exclusion of all forms of racism but was a decision to collectively gather behind issues specifically affecting Black people in this critical moment.
 - a. What grade (A/B/C/D) would you give the current state of the bioethics discipline in addressing racial injustice in particular, and social justice more broadly? Please explain.
 - b. In providing that assessment, what bioethics successes/failings come to mind?

- c. Ideally, how would you want bioethics to be significant as a player in this particular moment of racial reckoning?
- d. From your senior scholar vantage point, what advantages/disadvantages do you see in an anti-Black racism approach in bioethics?
- e. Are there other approaches you have embraced that you now see relevant to his moment, such as transracial/cultural coalitions, ally alliances, etc.?

Future

- 4. The title for this special report is *A Critical Moment in Bioethics: Reckoning with Anti-Black Racism through Intergenerational Dialogue*. We now move to discussing the future, assuming such a reckoning might successfully bring about change.
 - a. If you had to map out a future bioethics agenda, one that was firmly grounded in justice for the coming ten years, what would that look like with respect to 1) organizing frameworks, 2) methodology, 3) topical areas, and 4) scholars.
 - b. Describe 2-3 calls to action that would mitigate anti-Black racism for the field.
 - c. What barriers would need to be eliminated to bring about such changes?
 - d. What advice do you have for scholars/activists/clinicians going into the field of bioethics?