

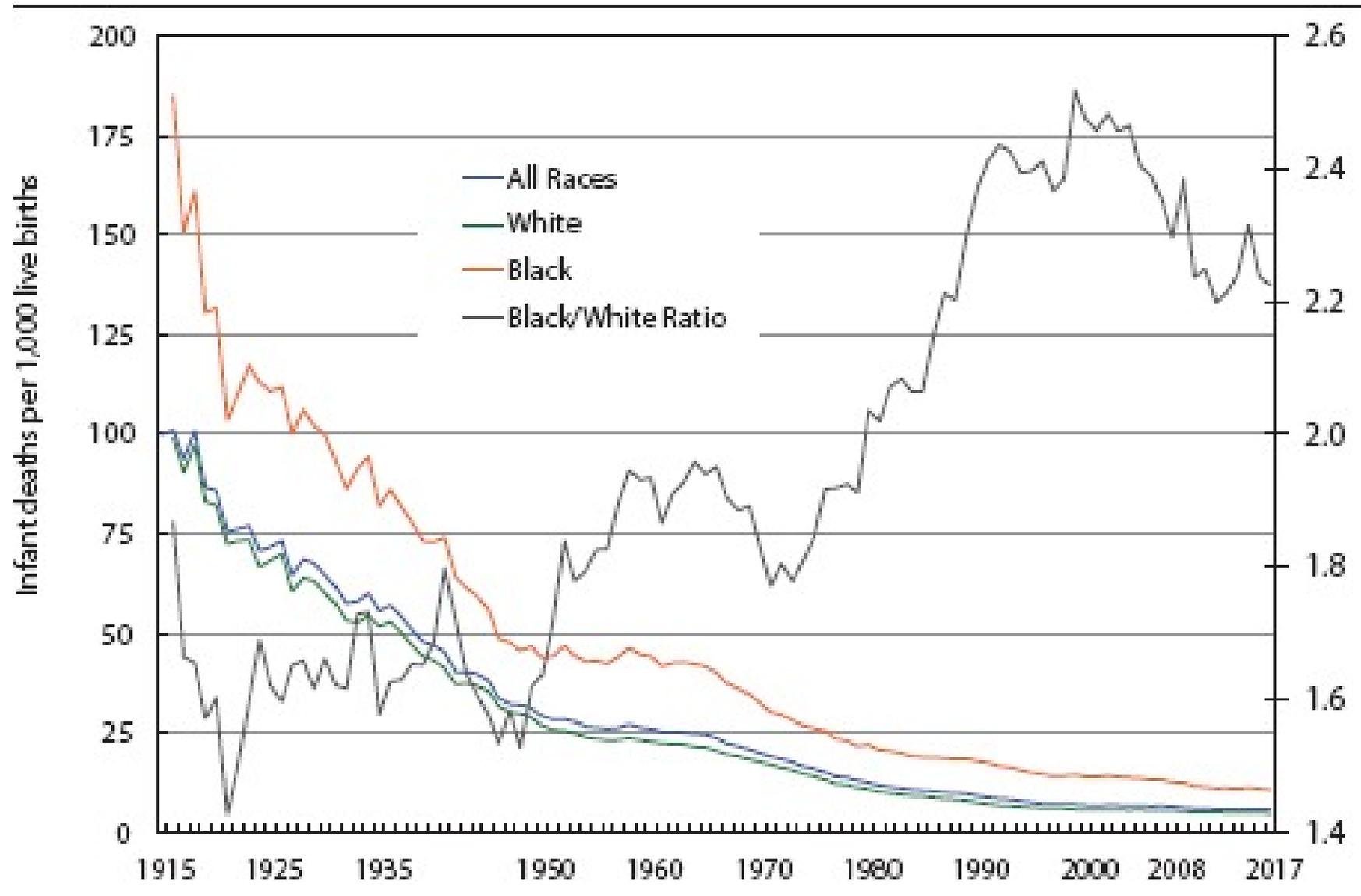
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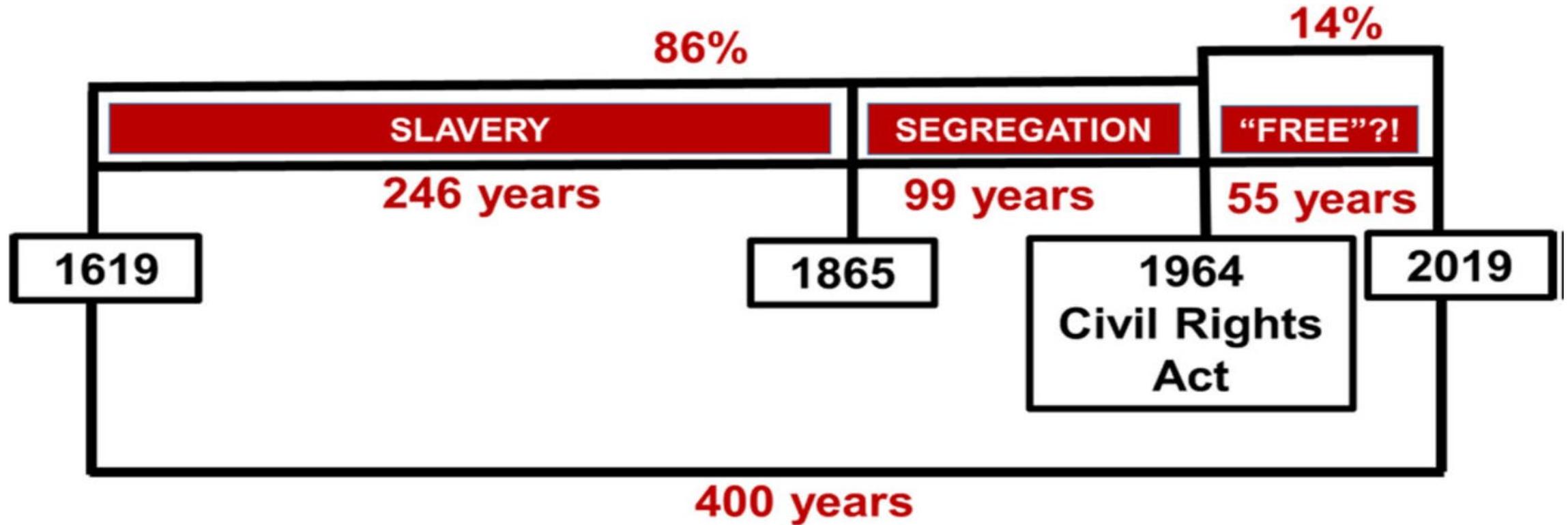
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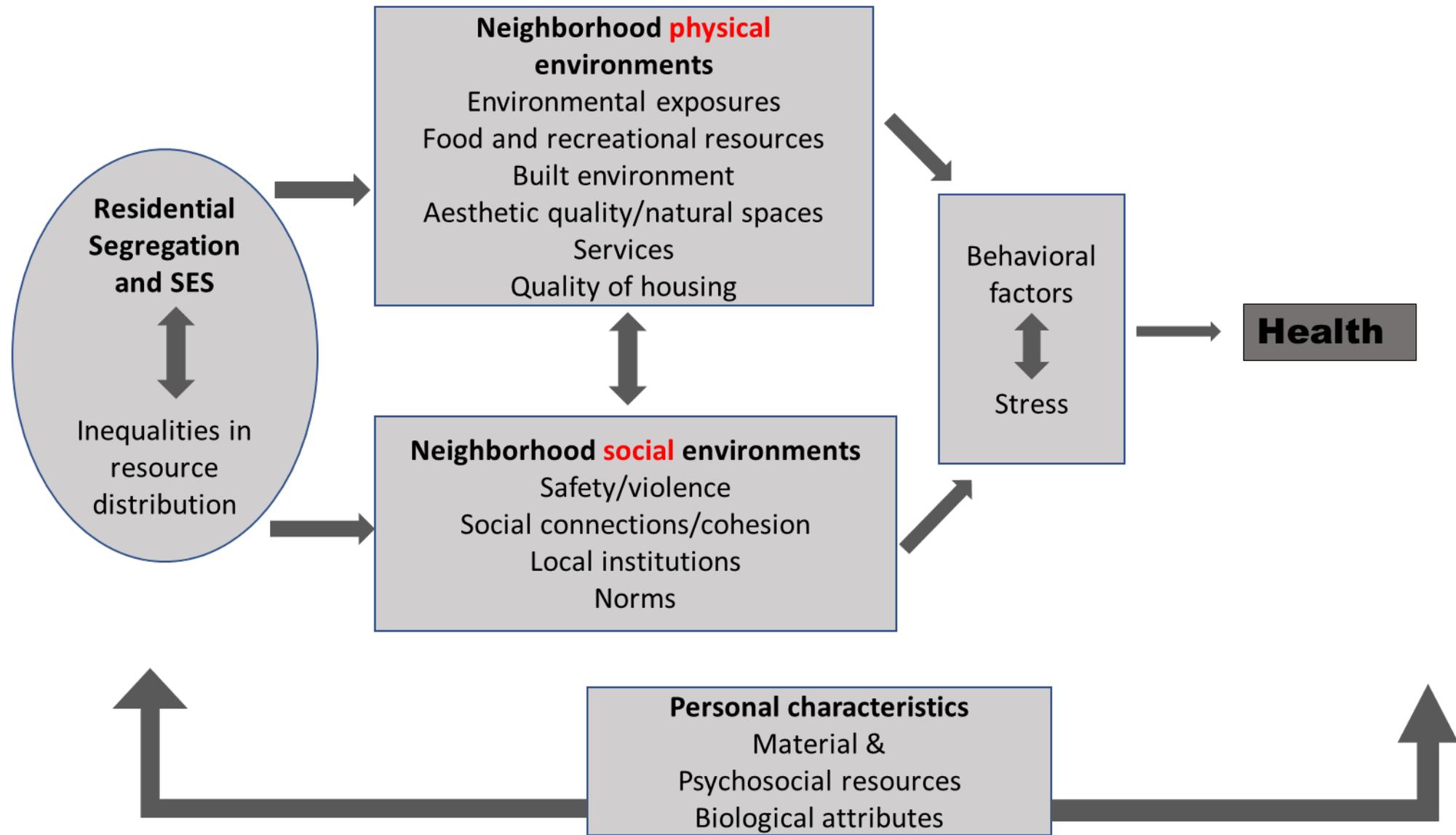
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Neighborhood Evictions, Marital/Cohabiting Status, and Preterm Birth among African American Women

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Main findings



Eviction filing and judgement rates not strongly correlated with other neighborhood variables



Range of evictions in LIFE study neighborhoods

Judgements (0-78)

Filings (0-132)



Neighborhood eviction filings and judgements not associated with PTB in overall sample



Results varied by Marital/cohabiting status



SOCIAL EPIDEMIOLOGY TO COMBAT UNJUST RESIDENTIAL EVICTIONS

- **“If you are silent about your pain, they’ll kill you and say you enjoyed it”** –Zora Neale Hurston
- Mixed-method, community-based participatory research for action
- Magnitude and severity of evictions & impact on Black women, families, and communities
- Community advisory board
- Two projects:
 - Court-ordered eviction
 - Illegal evictions

SECURE Study: Metro-Detroit, MI

Formal Eviction

- Secondary data analysis (LIFE study linked to eviction lab)
 - Neighborhood level evictions over time and adverse maternal and infant outcomes
- Focus groups
 - Women who live in high eviction neighborhoods, across 3 counties

Illegal Eviction

- Primary data (n=1,600 surveys)
- In-depth interviews across 3 counties

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Takisha Jones is a native Detroit, who was proudly raised on the city's west side. She graduated from the University of Detroit Mercy and earned a Bachelor of Arts in Developmental Psychology. Takisha has had a career in case management and juvenile probation where she served children and families and advocated for family preservation through the juvenile court system.



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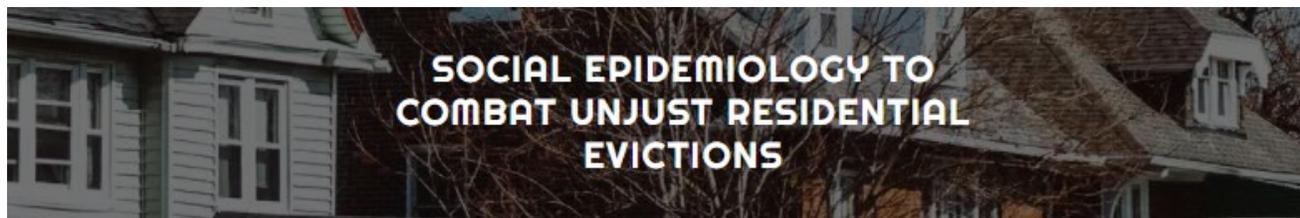
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Casey Jones-McBryde is an award winning social entrepreneur, advocate and community strategist who has dedicated her life to helping women overcome adversity, improve their self-image and build a community of positive support and love. She is the founder and Executive Director of the International Full Women Network, a body-positive nonprofit organization that has created initiatives in Nigeria, Bali, Jakarta Indonesia and in her beloved city of Detroit.



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SOCIAL EPIDEMIOLOGY TO COMBAT UNJUST RESIDENTIAL EVICTIONS



Message from the Principal Investigator

Precal I'm Dr. Shawnita Sealy-Jefferson, a Social Epidemiology Professor, and "very" proud Eastside Detroit. It is my complete honor to lead the Social Epidemiology to Combat Unjust Residential Evictions (SECURE) study! At my core, I believe God has my back, I find and help underdogs, I fight injustice, and I defy odds. The SECURE project, funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, is rooted in HOUSING IS A HUMAN RIGHT and BLACK LIVES MATTER! The purpose of this study is to quantify the magnitude and severity of court-ordered and illegal residential evictions and their relationship with the health of Black families in Metro-Detroit, Michigan. My vision for this project is to co-create and co-lead the work with Black women, to amplify the voices and experiences of Black Metro-Detroiters, and to help intervene on the systems of oppression that limit our full-potential, opportunities, and joy. We need your partnership to make housing justice a reality. There's no cavalry coming to save us, we're it!

[LEARN MORE ABOUT DR. SEALY-JEFFERSON HERE](#)

THE SECURE STUDY: TWO PROJECTS

Court-ordered Evictions



This project will determine if living in neighborhoods with high court-ordered eviction rates are associated with poor health in Black mothers and babies.

Illegal Evictions



This project will quantify the magnitude and severity of illegal (not court-ordered) evictions, and whether these types of evictions are associated with poor mental and physical health in Black mothers and families.

RESEARCH TEAM



Dr. Scarlett Bellamy

Dr. Bellamy is a Professor of Biostatistics and Director of the Graduate Programs in Biostatistics in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at Drew University. She also serves as the Associate Dean of Diversity and Inclusion at Drew's Doretha School of Public Health. She is Co-Director of the Biostatistics and Informatics Core and serves as a senior biostatistician for the Center for Health Equity Research and Promotion at the Corporal Michael J. Crescenz VA Medical Center.



Professor Loretta Ross

Loretta J. Ross is an Associate Professor at Smith College in the Program for the Study of Women and Gender. She is an activist, public intellectual, and a scholar. Her most recent books are Reproductive Justice: An Introduction co-written with Rokea Salinger, and Radical Reproductive Justice: Foundations, Theory, Practice, Critique, both published in 2017.



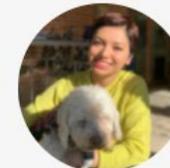
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Dr. Tiffany Ford

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Shibani Chetri

Shibani Chetri is an Epidemiology doctoral student at The Ohio State University College of Public Health. She received her Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience from OSU in 2016 and her MPH in Epidemiology in 2018. She is the President of the Public Health Graduate Student Association (PHGSA) at OSU and is passionate about social justice and advocacy.



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Charlotte Nash is an undergraduate student at The Ohio State University studying Health Sciences and Epidemiology. She is passionate about work that helps to end racial and socioeconomic disparities in public health. Charlotte is also a professional ballroom dancer who enjoys spending her free time with her loved ones.



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Chinenye Bosah is an incoming medical student at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine who is deeply passionate about combating disparities in the healthcare system. She received her Bachelor of Science in Environmental Public Health from the Ohio State University where she served her local community as a member of numerous organizations. Chinenye has spent the past three years conducting research with the Social Epidemiology to Eliminate Disparities (SEED) Lab and continues to work in order to close gaps.



Mindy Hoang

Mindy Hoang is a first-generation medical student at the University of Cincinnati. She is passionate about improving healthcare for historically-included populations and eliminating health disparities. In her free time, she enjoys cooking Vietnamese food and painting.

Preliminary SECURE study Data

Focus groups: living in a neighborhood where you see your neighbors evicted is very traumatic

- Negative mental health impacts
- Community destabilization
- Stigma

“I had an eviction, and the court gave me a little bit of time to move, but the next day the landlord sent some goons to my house threatening us and we just left”

–SECURE study participant