



Learn how scientific ideas about race shape our modern world

"History, Science, and Racism: The Long Shadow of Eugenics"



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This seminar is for K-12 teachers in:

- Humanities
- STEM
- Social Sciences

This seminar explores histories of how science and racism have combined to shape the world we live in today in many surprising ways. For example, the history of Kellogg's Corn Flakes, the SAT, marriage counseling, Ellis Island, and Yale University are all intertwined with the American eugenics movement. With a focus on the history and science of the eugenics, Fellows from all grade levels and subject areas, including the humanities, life sciences, social sciences, and mathematics will be able to create a wide variety of curriculum units that introduce their students to the notion of scientific racism and show how eugenics specifically has been used and embedded throughout our society and culture.

"Fellows will have the opportunity to conduct original research in Yale University archives on a topic of their choice with support of the seminar leader and archivists. There are also many archives of histories of Eugenics that have been digitized and can be accessed remotely." - Daniel HoSang

Potential Curriculum Unit Topics

- **History and social studies teachers** could develop a wide range of lessons spanning the 20th century and its impact on contemporary social relations
- **Biology teachers** might consider how taxonomic frameworks about hierarchy and difference derived from botany and other sciences have framed our understanding of human variation
- **Math teachers** might develop units in statistics and probability that engage how Eugenicians developed many of the current statistical instruments used today
- **Literature, religion and music teachers** might take on the ways that Eugenics has shaped particular novels, religious ideas, and assessments of musical ability

To learn more about how this seminar can help you create a curriculum unit in your own subject or grade level, visit our Open House at Yale University in January.

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