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Message from the Dean

Greetings SSPPS Community,

The **CU Center for Interprofessional Practice and Education (CU CIPE)** is sponsoring this year's **One Book One Campus** effort which directly addresses issues of diversity, equality and inclusion. In addition to numerous educational opportunities, the One Book program will feature a live presentation by the author of this year's book selection: *Black Man in a White Coat* - a memoir published in 2016 by Dr. Damon Tweedy describing his experience grappling with race, bias, and the unique health problems of black Americans.

While this book provides the perspective of Tweedy who is an MD, the themes of structural racism and health inequities will likely resonate across health professions. Kirkus Reviews said "An arresting memoir that personalizes the enduring racial divide in contemporary American medicine.... In this unsparingly honest chronicle, Tweedy cohesively illuminates the experiences of black doctors and black patients and reiterates the need for improved understanding of racial differences within global medical communities."

Dr Tweedy had a recent article in the New York Times, "[Medical schools have historically been wrong on race.](#)"

The CU CIPE in conjunction with the Strauss Health Sciences Library will offer synchronous (via Zoom) and asynchronous (via CANVAS) book clubs. Sign-up info coming soon.

Damon Tweedy will also be an invited speaker as part of the **Center for Bioethics and Humanities' Intersections of Race, Class, and Health Lecture Series:**

Dr. Damon Tweedy

Monday, October 19, 2020 at noon

<http://www.damontweedy.com/>

Professor Naa Oyo Kwate

Monday, November 2, 2020 at noon

<https://muse.jhu.edu/book/67016/>

Dr. Jonathan Metzl

Monday, May 3, 2021

<https://www.dyingofwhiteness.com/>

Professor Dayna Matthew

Spring 20201

<https://nyupress.org/9781479896738/just-medicine/>

Finally, an excellent compilation of relevant resources compiled by the Department of Surgery can be found here: <https://bit.ly/BE-BETTER>

I strongly encourage faculty, staff and students to consider participating in all or part of this timely DEI programming.

In partnership for a more just future,

Dean Ralph Altieri

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