In the United States, public health genomics prioritize the effective and ethical translation of genomic science into population health benefits. Current attention to health disparities has developed in response to a long history of de-prioritization and oversimplification of the health needs in many Black communities. However, with the rapid development of cost-effective, next-generation genome sequencing born of the Human Genome Project, we are flush with technology and data supporting the discovery of therapeutic targets and potential clinical implementation of precision medicine. Institutions, industry, and policy-makers are paying attention to the health status of and the outcomes for Black Americans, and calls for greater representation of Black people in research, technology, healthcare, and government grows. This reading circle explores the micro- to macro- level hope of genomics and its respective policy implications to revolutionize public health and personalize healthcare while centering Black experiences in the United States.

This reading circle meets virtually on Tuesdays, 5-7pm on February 22, March 8, and March 22.

Reading circles consist of three 2-hour meetings in which a small group of MA, MPP, MPA and PhD students, postdocs, and faculty collectively explore a topic relevant to the study of race, (anti)racism, and racial justice. In reviewing applications, we aim to curate reading circles with diverse disciplinary perspectives and research interests. Selected applicants will receive a $250 stipend at the end of the semester for their participation. Apply to join by Monday, February 14!

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