The “Genomics and Philosophy of Race” conference aims to foster a dialogue about race, and, in particular, about relationships between ideas of race and modern genomics research.

Four panels of experts and two keynote speakers will consider scientific, historical, sociological, and philosophical questions: Does contemporary genomics inform and shift our classifications, conceptualizations, and consciousness of race? To what extent is race real? Which inferences, if any, about the body, mind, and culture might race and related concepts (e.g., ancestry and ethnicity) ground?

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Saturday, April 12 ~ 10am-6pm

10:00am Brief Opening Comments:
William A. Ladusaw, UCSC, Humanities Dean
Nathaniel Deutsch, UCSC, Institute for Humanities Research Director
Rasmus Grenfeldt Winther, UCSC, PI “Philosophy in a Multicultural Context”

10:15am Opening Keynote:
Sarah Richardson, Harvard: “Race in the Postgenomic Moment”

11:00am Biology Panel:
Bridget Algee-Hewitt, Stanford: “Forensic Casework and the Clustering of Human Craniofacial Variation”
Doc Edge, Stanford: “Multilocus Classification Accuracy and Polygenic Trait Differences”
Scott Lokey, UCSC: “Pharmacology in the genomic age: targeting drugs to (and keeping them away from) specific subpopulations”
Rasmus Nielsen, UC Berkeley: “On the genomic basis of the biological concept of race”

1:00pm Lunch

2:00pm History Panel:
Nathaniel Deutsch, UCSC: “The ‘Jewish Question’ Revisited: Genomics and Jewish Difference”
Lisa Gannett, St. Mary’s University: “The relevance (or not) of Dobzhansky and the evolutionary synthesis for contemporary population genomics”
Minghui Hu, UCSC: “The Eclipse of Darwinism and Its Chinese Accommodation”
Carlos López Beltrán, National Autonomous Univ of Mexico: “Mestizo Genomics. National, regional and ethnic figurations”
Paula Moya, Stanford: “Racial Realisms, or When Do We Describe, and When Do We ‘Do Race?’”

4:00pm Sociology Panel:
John Brown Childs, UCSC: “Genealogies of the Spirit: Spiraling Strands of Ethical Kinship Across Racialized Spaces”
Guillermo Delgado-P, UCSC: “Genomics and Isolation: the Case of Indigenous Peoples in Latin America”
Hiroshi Fukurai, UCSC: “Genomics and Race: Social, Political, Legal, & ‘Performative’ Construction of Race”
Sandra Harvey, UCSC: “On the ‘HeLa Bomb’: Race and Gender Passing Narratives in Biotechnology” Stephanie Montgomery, UCSC: “Nâfân: Gender, Criminality and the Prison in 1930s Qingdao”

Sunday, April 13 ~ 9am-12pm

9:00am Philosophy Panel:
Josh Glasgow, Sonoma State: “Biological-trait race without biological race”
James Griesemer, UC Davis: “Some Thoughts on Population Studies and the Ethics of Attention”
Jonathan Kaplan, Oregon State University: “Some Relationships Between Biological and Folk Races”
Roberta Millstein, UC Davis: “Thinking about populations and races in time”
Rasmus Grenfeldt Winther, UCSC: “Are Races like Constellations?”

11:00am Closing Keynote:
Quayshawn Spencer, University of San Francisco: “Philosophy of Race Meets Population Genetics”

12:00pm Lunch

1:00-2:30pm Student Workshops:
Student workshops will be led by PhD students involved in the Philosophy in a Multicultural Context research cluster. Workshops will be held in Kresge Seminar Room 159.

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