

William Carter Jenkins

July 26, 1945-February 17, 2019

Diane Rowley, APHA Presentation November 4, 2019

Presenter Disclosures

Diane L Rowley

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No relationships to disclose

Early Childhood

- **William Carter Jenkins** was born on July 26, 1945 in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina. He was delivered by Rosella Wilson, his grandmother and the local midwife.
- Fondly known as Billy, he grew up with two rich cultural heritages.



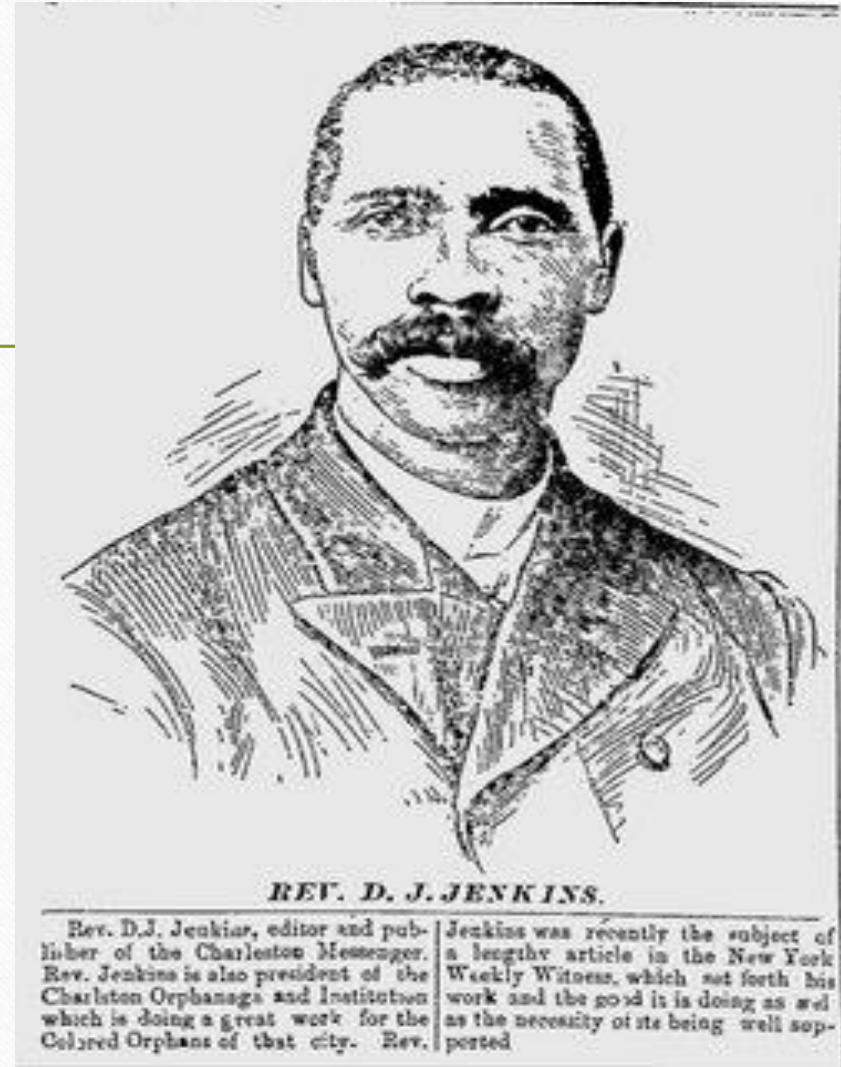
The Gullah People

Bill's neighborhood in Mt Pleasant was an isolated Gullah fishing village off the coast of Charleston



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Jenkins Orphanage



REV. D. J. JENKINS.

Rev. D.J. Jenkins, editor and publisher of the Charleston Messenger. Rev. Jenkins is also president of the Charleston Orphanage and Institution which is doing a great work for the Colored Orphans of that city. Rev.

Jenkins was recently the subject of a lengthy article in the New York Weekly Witness, which set forth his work and the good it is doing as well as the necessity of its being well supported.



Jenkins Orphanage Band

Originator of the Charleston Dance

High schools Jenkins attended

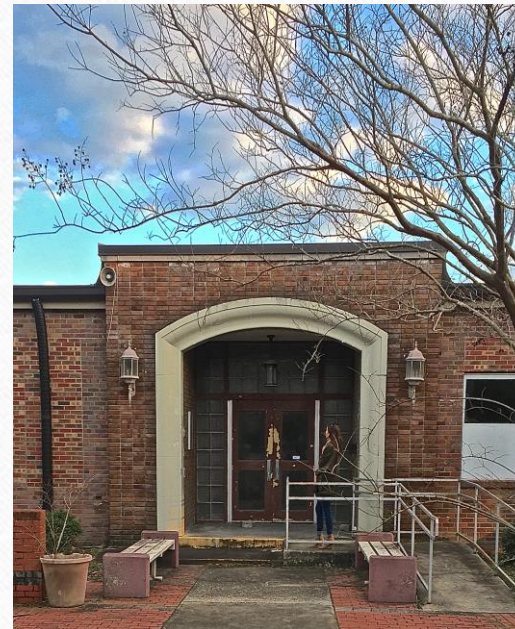
Immaculate Conception School

Charleston, SC



Laing High School

Mt Pleasant, SC



Bill Jenkins Education

1967 Morehouse College. BA Mathematics

1974 Georgetown University. Masters in Biostatistics

1977 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Masters in Public Health

1983 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. PhD in Epidemiology

1987 Harvard University post doc in Biostatistics

2011 Medical University of South Carolina Honorary Doctorate

What drove his career?

Love of
epidemiology

discovered
epidemiology as a
graduate student
in biostatistics

Dedication to social
justice

A teenager involved in voter
registration in Charleston

At Morehouse a foot soldier with
the Student Nonviolent
Coordinating Committee

Career Themes

Tuskegee syphilis study

Expanding the public health workforce in epi and biostat (later to include more disciplines)

 *with a special type of mentoring*

Discovery of the Tuskegee Study of Untreated Syphilis in the Negro Male



UNTREATED SYPHILIS IN THE MALE NEGRO BACKGROUND AND CURRENT STATUS OF PATIENTS IN
THE TUSKEGEE STUDY

STANLEY H. SCHUMAN, M.D.,* SIDNEY OLANSKY, M.D.,**

EUNICE RIVERS, R.N.,*** C. A. SMITH, M.D.,****

AND DOROTHY S. RAMBO, R.N.*****

From the Venereal Disease Program, Division of Special Health Services, U. S. Public Health Service,
Washington, D. C.

(Received for publication July 28, 1955.)

December 1964

The Tuskegee Study of Untreated Syphilis. The 30th Year of Observation

DONALD H. ROCKWELL, MD; ANNE ROOF YOBS, MD; M. BRITTAIN MOORE JR., MD

Arch Intern Med. 1964;114(6):792-798. doi:10.1001/archinte.1964.03860120104011 ([link](#))









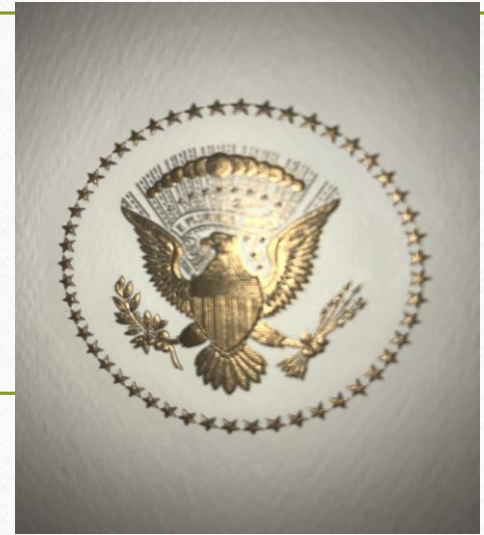
**Manager of the
Tuskegee Participant
Health Benefits Program
National Center for HIV
STD and Tuberculosis
Prevention, CDC**

- “What they deserve is the best medical care we can provide,” Dr. Jenkins told *The Times* in 1997. “I try to give them the care that I would want to give to my mother.”



Presidential Apology

THE PRESIDENT
welcomes you to
THE WHITE HOUSE



Friday, May 16, 1997



President Clinton

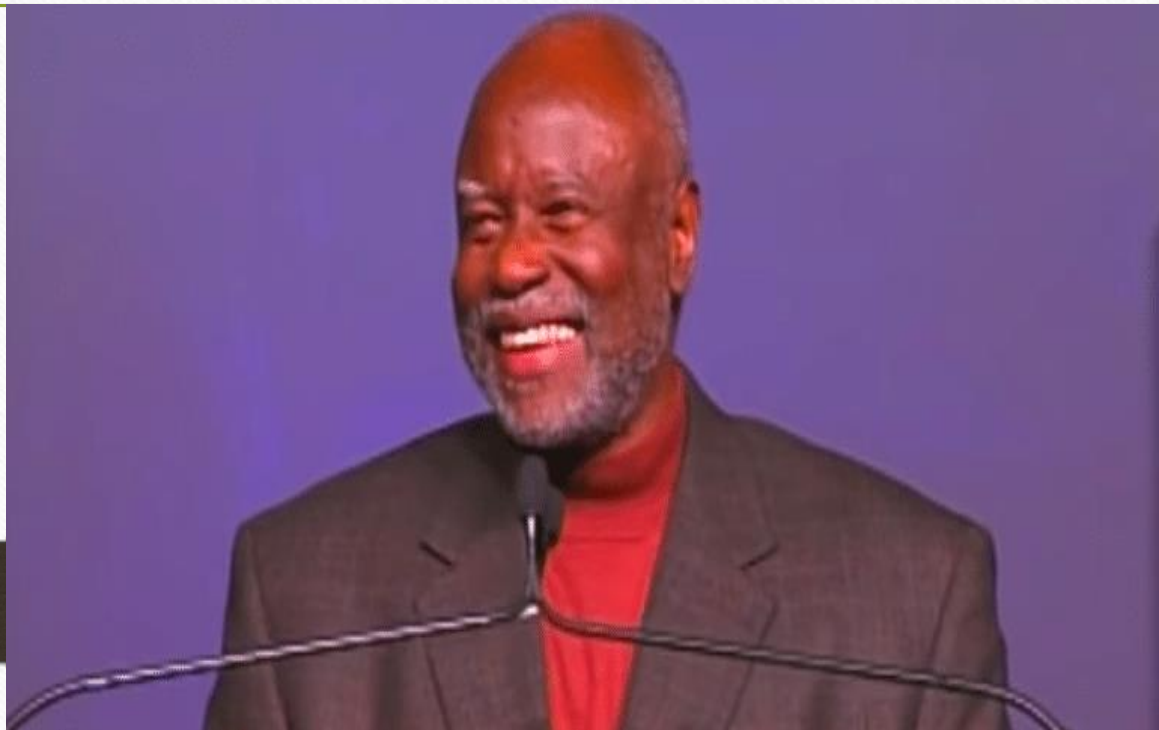
"The United States government did something that was wrong – deeply, profoundly, morally wrong. It was an outrage to our commitment to integrity and equality for all our citizens.

“No power on Earth can give you back the lives lost, the pain suffered, the years of internal torment and anguish. What was done cannot be undone. But we can end the silence. We can stop turning our heads away. We can look at you in the eye and finally say on behalf of the American people, what the United States government did was shameful, and I am sorry.”

History of the Tuskegee Study, including Bill's 20-minute documentary with study survivors ([link](#))

Interviews with survivors of the Tuskegee Study of Untreated Syphilis in the Negro Male
(<http://www.cdc.gov/tuskegee/timeline.htm>).

Direct link to the documentary
(<https://sakai.unc.edu/x/a6tZoQ>)



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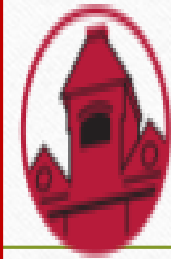
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Social Justice Through Public Health Public Health Through Social Justice: Lessons from Tuskegee

Expand The Public Health Workforce

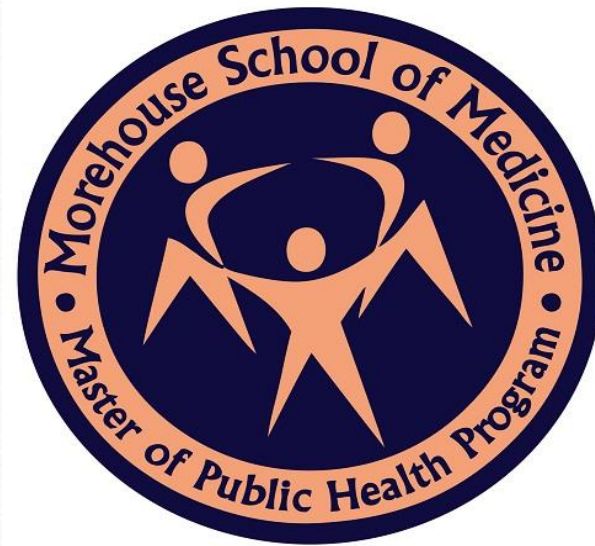
Mentor, Mentor, Mentor!!!

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PROJECT
IMHOTEP 
An Undergraduate Training Program in Public Health



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Public Health Sciences Institute





Editorial: On the Occasion of a Meeting Long Planned

....Bill Jenkins, Ph.D., M.P.H.

In the summer of 1970 four young Black men met in Toronto at the American Statistical Association Meetings following a session on Black health issues to lament the fact that there was only one Black presenter. It was observed that at that time there were less than five Black Americans with doctorate degrees in Epidemiology or Biostatistics. After much debate, anger and anguish there was a commitment made to develop those of us who were already committed to the fields, to bring new people in, and to look at these health issues from a black perspective. After only twenty years of frustrations, disappointments, rejections, and some success we are about to embark on the final phase of this commitment.

All of the formerly young, but still black men completed their doctorates in eleven years. But, in that time more than forty blacks trained in the fields at the masters level. Some succeeded, others did not: waylaid by barriers, traps, weaknesses, and fate. But through the efforts of those relatively few who survived, the number of younger people coming into the field exploded so that today there are more than two hundred Black Americans with some training and/or experience in the fields of Biostatistics or Epidemiology. Together with other Black Americans from the medical and social sciences applying their skills to the public health issues, there is now a critical mass of African-American Public Health scholars to look at the public health problems of African-American communities from a Black perspective.

This is the calling of SAAPHI.

Through SAAPHI we will continue the training efforts made at the National Center for Health Statistics, the University of North Carolina and the Centers for Disease Control. We have learned that a few people with commitment can make a real difference.

While continuing the efforts in human resource development, we also look forward to expanding activities in research and policy development. There remain many questions to study, including:

- 0 To what extent is the difference in health status a function of race and culture.
- 0 To what extent is racism a continuing factor in determining health status?

On November tenth at Spelman College we will have an opportunity to set a research agenda for the next few years. On November the eleventh we will initiate the structure to achieve these goals.

We look forward to the largest gathering of African American public health scientists in American history and look with even greater anticipation to the future work.

See you in Atlanta.



Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science



Bethune-Cookman University

Meharry Medical College

Morgan State University

Tuskegee University

Fort Valley State University

Bill Jenkins Mentored

Laurie Elam Evans

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



Carl V. Hill

National Institute on Aging, NIH



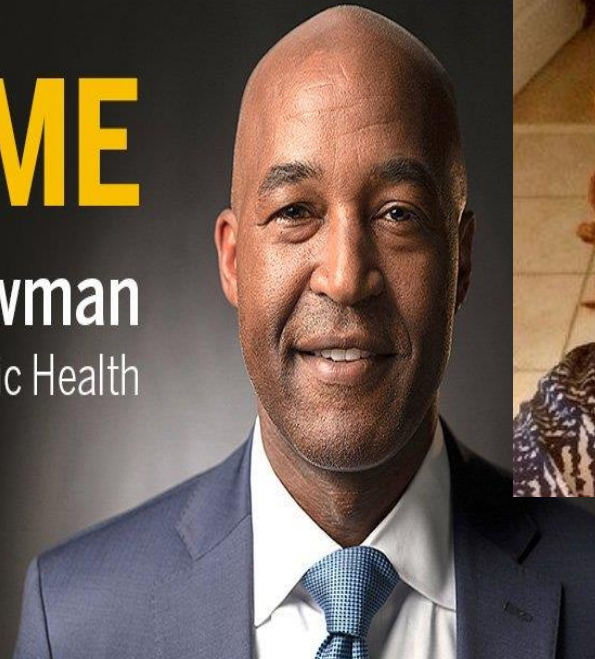
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Dr. F. DuBois Bowman

Dean of the School of Public Health

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**Crysral James,
JD, MPH**

**Chair,
Department
Graduate
Public Health**

**Tuskegee
University**

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**Social Justice Through Public Health
Public Health Through Social Justice:**

Lessons from Tuskegee

Bill Jenkins, MS, PhD, MPH

Presented November 7, 2010

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These programs focus on mentoring more than role models

They focus on experience more than exposure

They focus on long term goals more than short term objectives

They focus on the things which make a difference

Support for
the things that
can make a
real difference
is lacking

Chapter: *AIDS/HIV
Epidemics in the Black
Community*



Ronald L. Braithwaite, Sandra E. Taylor,
editors ; foreword by Louis W. Sullivan.
San Francisco : Jossey-Bass, c1992.
1st ed.

1986

First Black AIDS Conference

The National Coalition of Black Lesbians and Gays, with a grant from the U.S. Public Health Services, sponsors the National Conference on AIDS in the Black Community in Washington D.C. in July. The conference attracts more than 400 educators, health care providers and activists, connecting people from across the country to address the specific needs of African Americans with AIDS.

Bill Jenkins CV 1996

https://sakai.unc.edu/access/content/user/vschoenb/Public%20Library/People/BySurname/J/William%20_Bill_%20Jenkins/Biographical/BillJenkinsCV1992.pdf

June 1989 to
April 1991

Assistant to the Assistant Director for
Program Services
Division of STD/HIV Prevention
Center for Prevention Services

As Manager of the National Minority Organizations HIV Prevention Program, duties included:

4. Overall management of this grant program. The program provided grants to national organizations to develop HIV prevent activities to prevent the spread of HIV infections among racial and ethnic minorities, supervising a staff of five, a budget of 9.7 million dollars, and 32 grants. Responsibilities included: budget planning and implementation.



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**DUE TO THE
OUTBREAK OF
AIDS,
EMPLOYEES
WILL NO
LONGER BE
PERMITTED TO
KISS THE
BOSS'S ASS**



Retirement





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