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Do Human Races Exist?

Presented by Dr. Allen Gathman

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People all over the world see themselves as members of subgroups - sometimes as small as a tribe or family, other times as large as a continental "race". The U.S. Census Bureau counts individuals as members of one of four races (or "other"). Yet many geneticists argue that humans cannot be divided into such categories based on their DNA. On the other hand, some techniques have been devised recently to use DNA testing to discern the geographic origin of people's ancestors. Furthermore, medical researchers are increasingly studying differences in incidence of disease among racial groups. Dr. Gathman will discuss recent research on human genetic variation and whether the idea of "race" has any scientific meaning.

Open to All. Refreshments will be served.

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Cathy Roeder, and Kerriann Zerr

