

# Clarkson University

## Spring 2022 David A. Walsh '67

### Arts & Sciences Seminar Series

Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup> @ 12pm  
in the **Student Center Forum**

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## Tuskegee and Obamacare:

### Fulfilling America's Promise of Health Care Justice

This presentation argues that the Affordable Care Act is properly seen as the fulfilment of the American promise to prevent instances like the Study of Untreated Syphilis in the African American Male conducted by the United States Public Health Service in Macon County, Alabama from 1932-1972. It begins with a background narrative that broadly conveys the elements and occurrences of the Study. This synopsis is followed by a discussion of the connection between the Tuskegee Study and the Syphilis Experiment in Guatemala operated simultaneously by the United States Public Health Service. The final section reviews the apology offered by President Clinton in 1997 for the Tuskegee Study and argues that the Affordable Care Act better embodies the distributive justice motif conveyed in the National Promise to atone for past Health Care injustice and to protect vulnerable populations from future abuses.



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