New Book Contains Scientific Evidence Debunking Existence of Race Based Genetic Inferiority

_BTI Press Presents, Race, Genes and Ability: Rethinking Ethnic Differences, by Alondra Oubré, Ph.D._

Los Angeles, CA (PRWEB) May 17, 2011 -- BTI Press announces the release of Race, Genes and Ability: Rethinking Ethnic Differences, a 2 volume book that dismantles contentious ideas about inborn racial inferiority. Racialists claim that human evolution has endowed each race with different innate capacities for intelligence, law-abiding tendencies, morality, and civilization.

Today’s racial scientists increasingly have turned their attention to emerging discoveries in genetics and brain research in their ongoing attempt to “prove” that people of black African descent are “less fit” than whites and East Asians to be productive members of modern Western society.

Alvin F. Poussaint, M.D., Professor of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School said, “I highly recommend Race, Genes and Ability. This book is refreshingly comprehensive, dealing with various perspectives and new research that illuminates the nature-nurture debate.” He added, “I found it extremely educational and challenging. Written in accessible language for both scholarly and lay audiences, Alondra Oubré re-examines the evidence about the impact of genes and the environment on developmental biology and social behavior. It should be required reading for anyone interested in understanding the risks inherent in so-called racial science.”

Author Dr. Alondra Oubré has monitored the contemporary racial science movement for nearly two decades, and explores the nature-nurture controversy about the source of underachievement in certain ethnic minority groups, particularly African Americans. Her discussion is not limited to the traditional topic of the black/white/Asian divide in IQ scores and scholastic performance. She also delves deeply into the taboo realm of race, genetics, and behavioral patterns—including social behaviors such as marriage, sexual reproduction, parenting, family stability, work ethic, and criminal activity. In Volume 1, three chapters on “race and sports” focus on the reasons for the high percentage of black professional athletes in sports such as track, basketball, and football.

“I consider Dr. Oubré to be one of the most diligent and most intellectually vibrant scientists of our era. Every scholar should read this two volume work. It will become a classic, a superior source of information and analyses that will be a major reference for all future work on race as biology,” praises Audrey Smedley, Ph.D., Author of Race in North America; Professor of Anthropology, Emerita; Virginia Commonwealth University

While many people prefer to tiptoe around this provocative issue, Dr. Oubré urges us to confront it head-on in that national conversation about race that we have started, but have never quite finished. In her latest book, she incisively dissects, step-by-step, racialist notions about the alleged genetic inferiority of black Africans and their descendants. Her conclusions are based not on political opinion, but on a meticulous analysis of the scientific evidence as a whole. The author tells us that developmental biology, including the softwiring of the brain, provides the most realistic and scientifically valid explanation for the ethnic achievement gap—and for why this gap persists across generations.

“It is rare for a reader-friendly book to be informed by such a wide array of scientific evidence and to not
sacrifice scholarly sophistication. Both hereditarians and pro-environmentalists who study human cognitive capacities and behaviors are likely to agree on one thing: Race, Genes and Ability is well worth the time and energy it takes to read and to ponder,” observes, Dr. Koffi N. Maglo, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Cincinnati.

About Alondra Oubré
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