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WEIGHING THE FUTURE: RACE, SCIENCE, AND PREGNANCY TRIALS IN THE POSTGENOMIC ERA

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Abstract:

Current large-scale pregnancy studies selectively draw on new science to connect behavioral choices made by pregnant people, such as diet and exercise, to health risks for future generations. As the first ethnography of its kind, Weighing the Future examines the sociopolitical implications of ongoing pregnancy trials in the United States and the United Kingdom, illuminating how processes of scientific knowledge production are linked to capitalism, surveillance, and environmental reproduction. I argue that a focus on individual behavior rather than social environments ignores the vital impacts of systemic racism.

Bio:

Natali Valdez is an assistant professor at Wellesley College. She works at the intersections of medical anthropology, gender studies, and science and technology studies. Her teaching and research attend to how racism, gender, and power manifest in scientific knowledge production. Her main research topics include reproduction, postgenomics, clinical trials, big data, metabolic illness, and predictive/precision medicine.

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