



Criminal Justice, Genomic Justice?

The Science and Justice Working Group

Presents a Conversation With:



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This month, the U.K. government proposed entering into DNA databases those youths deemed “at risk” for being criminals. How can and/or should “we” respond to such proposals? DNA databases have been celebrated for exonerating those unjustly charged with crimes, and for increasing the effectiveness of the criminal justice system, but at what cost? Are DNA databases creating new classes of persons (i.e., proto-criminals)? What are the justice issues raised by these forensic databases, and how do they relate to questions about prisons and justice? Such databases intersect with and alter issues of race, class and gender, issues that already strongly shape the criminal “justice system”; it is not yet clear what we need to know in order to address these topics in science, justice, and law.

Preceding this event, Prof. Duster will present a Sociology Dept. Colloquia:
“DNA Fingerprinting and Civil Liberties: The CS/ Effect and the Social and Political Implications of the Ever-Expanding DNA Databases”
3:00-4:30 p.m., Interdisciplinary Sciences Building 120

Wednesday April 23 — Baskin E2 599 — 5:00-6:30