



BLACK WOMEN'S HEALTH STUDY

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BWHS in the News

The Black Women's Health Study is featured in the latest issue of Bostonia: "Racism, sexism, and the Black women's health crisis" by Jillian McKoy.

Read the article here: [Racism, Sexism, and the Crisis of Black Women's Health | The Brink | Boston University \(bu.edu\)](#)

Dr. Yvette Cozier spoke about the BWHS with Rev. Al Sharpton on [PoliticsNation](#).

View the MSNBC interview [here](#).

Sharing BWHS Research Results

- Experiences of racism are linked to increased risk of [heart disease](#) and [stroke](#) in Black women
- Long-term use of chemical hair relaxers is associated with increased risk of [uterine cancer](#) in Black women

These research findings were featured in media outlets such as the U.S. News & World Report, The New York Times, NBC News, and Scripps News.

Visit the BWHS website (bu.edu/bwhs) to read summaries of all BWHS research publications.

New grant award

Investigators from the BWHS received a new grant from the National Institutes of Health to study the effectiveness of lung cancer screening in Black women who have ever smoked. Under current screening guidelines, many current or former smokers may not meet eligibility criteria for low-dose CT scan (LDCT) screening. As part of this new grant, we will recruit BWHS participants with a history of smoking to evaluate the use of LDCT to reduce lung cancer mortality in Black women.



Free at Last sculpture inspired by Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech. The sculpture by Chilean artist Sergio Castillo was erected on Boston University's Marsh Plaza in 1975. Photo by Jacob Chang-Rasclé.

2024 BWHS Health Update Questionnaire

In spring of 2024, BWHS participants will receive an email link or paper mailing of the latest health questionnaire, similar to the health questionnaires that have been sent every 2 years since 1995.

New email, home address, or phone number? Contact us at bwhs@bu.edu with the update.

Complete your online questionnaire early to save paper!

Thank you for supporting the BWHS. When you complete a BWHS questionnaire, you make this important work possible.

BWHS Advisory Board

The BWHS Advisory Board met in mid-January to review the study's ongoing projects and discuss future projects. The board welcomed two new members, Dr. Lauren E. McCullough, Associate Professor of Epidemiology at Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University and Dr. A. Heather Eliassen, Professor of Nutrition and Epidemiology at the Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health and Harvard Medical School. We appreciate the expertise and perspective that these new members will add to our dynamic and dedicated Advisory Board! Read about all of our advisory board members on the BWHS website: [Research Team » Black Women's Health Study | Boston University \(bu.edu\)](#)



Calling BWHS? If you request a call back, please check that your mailbox isn't full. Depending on your phone service, a call from BWHS may display as Boston University or show a phone number starting with "617". We look forward to speaking with you!