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An Evening with Edwin Black

Eugenics--from North Carolina to Auschwitz



Thursday, September 1, 2011

7-8 p.m. presentation with question & answer session

8:00-8:30 p.m. reception & book signing

*Winston-Salem State University
F. L. Atkins Building, Room 102
Winston-Salem, North Carolina*

Eugenics Board of NC Timeline

- ⇒ **1929** The General Assembly authorized the governing body or executive head of any penal or charitable public institution to order the sterilization of any patient or inmate when such an operation was deemed to be in the best interest of an individual or for the public good.
- ⇒ **1933** The General Assembly created the Eugenics Board of North Carolina to review all cases involving the sterilization of mentally diseased, feeble-minded, or epileptic patients, inmates, or non-institutionalized individuals.
- ⇒ **1937** The General Assembly authorized any state hospital, at the discretion of the superintendent, to provide temporary admission for any feeble-minded, epileptic, or mentally diseased person for whom the Eugenics Board had authorized sterilization. The regular or consulting staff of the hospital could then perform the operation. These hospitals were authorized to charge the appropriate state institution or county for the operation and expenses.
- ⇒ **1947** The chief medical officer of the Hospitals Board of Control replaced the chief medical officer of the State Hospital at Raleigh as a permanent member of the Eugenics Board. The chief medical officer of the State Hospital at Raleigh was then eligible to serve as the board-appointed member of the board.
- ⇒ **1971** Under the Executive Organization Act of 1971, the Eugenics Board of North Carolina was transferred to the newly created Department of Human Resources (DHR). Although the board retained its statutory powers and functions regarding sterilization proceedings, the board's managerial and executive authority was vested in the secretary of the DHR, a cabinet-level officer appointed by the governor.
- ⇒ **1973** Under the Executive Organization Act of 1973, the Eugenics Board became the Eugenics Commission. The following five members of the commission were to be appointed by the governor: the director of the Division of Social and Rehabilitative Services of the DHR, the director of Health Services, the chief medical officer of a state institution of the feeble-minded or insane, the chief medical officer of the DHR in the area of mental services, and the attorney general. As before, any commission member could delegate power to a designee for a specific hearing. The new commission had no secretary; all clerical and other services were provided by the Department of Human Resources.
- ⇒ **1974** The General Assembly transferred to the judicial system the responsibility for any sterilization proceedings against persons suffering from mental illness or mental retardation.
- ⇒ **1977 The General Assembly abolished the Eugenics Commission.**

*Taken from the May 24, 2011 Report to Governor's Task Force to Determine the Method of Compensation for Victims of North Carolina's Eugenics Board by Department of Cultural Resources—Sarah Koonts - State Collections and Debbi Blake - State Archives
Handout A – Cultural Resources' Eugenics Collection Finding Aid*

- ⇒ **2011** Introduction of H70, to provide \$18.5 million to a proposed Eugenics Sterilization Compensation Fund; H73, to provide counseling to survivors of people sterilized; and H374, to make confidential records about people affected by North Carolina sterilization program in the mid-20th century were sponsored by Reps. Larry Womble and Earline Parmon, both D-Forsyth.

Program

7:00 - 8:00 pm

Welcome

*Dr. Peggy Valentine, Dean
School of Health Sciences*

Introductions

*Dr. Manuel Vargas, Dean
School of Education and Human Performance*

Purpose

*The Honorable Larry Womble
State Representative 71st District*

Introduction of Speaker

*Dr. Jessica Bailey, Dean
School of Business and Economics*

Speaker

Mr. Edwin Black

7:50 pm Question & Answer Period

Moderator

*Dr. Charles Wesley Ford, Jr., Dean
College of Arts and Sciences*

Participants

*Mr. Edwin Black
The Honorable Larry Womble
The Honorable Earline Parmon, State Representative 72nd District*

Remarks and Closing

*Mrs. Michelle Cook, Vice Chancellor
of University Advancement and Executive Director
Winston-Salem State University Foundation, Inc.*

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Mr. Black will autograph copies of
War Against the Weak and his other books
during the reception at the end of tonight's program.



EUGENICS AND AMERICA'S CAMPAIGN TO CREATE A MASTER RACE

WAR AGAINST THE WEAK

IT BEGAN ON LONG ISLAND AND ENDED AT AUSCHWITZ ...

... and yet it never really stopped.

by Edwin Black