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JACKSON HEART STUDY

A Distinguished Lecture

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Abstract: The Jackson Heart Study is proud to announce that it has successfully competed and secured its third contract renewal, beginning in 2013 with the options of continuation each year through 2017. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) more specifically, the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute and the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities, awarded 5 contracts to continue the Jackson Heart Study; a collaborative effort among three Jackson-area academic institutions, Jackson State University, Tougaloo College, and the University of Mississippi Medical Center. The Jackson Heart Study (JHS) was initiated in 1998 as a large-scale epidemiological study undertaken to examine risk factors that influence the development of cardiovascular diseases (CVD) in African American (AA) men and women living in the Jackson, Mississippi metropolitan area. The JHS has been a response to the call to action by the National Institutes of Health and the American people to address national disparities in cardiovascular health. By translating and disseminating study results to the research community as well as to the greater Jackson community, the JHS is working to transform a history of heart disease in AAs into a legacy of heart health through research, training and translation. Dr. Taylor has served as “overall” PI of the Jackson Heart Study since its formation as a three-center collaboration, and as PI of the JHS’s Exam Center, Undergraduate Training Center and Coordinating Center since 2005. More recently, he led the transformation of the JHS into an integrated, broadly collaborative (locally and nationally) research enterprise, which catalyzed the development of an invigorated and productive JHS national research network. Today, Dr. Taylor will discuss recent work and future directions of this collaborative project of Jackson State University, Tougaloo College and The University of Mississippi Medical Center.