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Post-9/11 Disease Scares and the Health-Security Industry Racialized "Biological Threats" and Gendered Biodefense

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Dr. Gwen D'Arcangelis is a scholar of gender, culture and science. She is interested in public engagements—particularly of women and communities of color—with emerging science and technology. She has just completed a dissertation on post-9/11 disease scares and the science, health and national security policies implemented in their wake. Her results showed that the “biosecurity” and “bioterrorism” disease control measures implemented during the post-9/11 period not only diverted attention away from commonplace public health concerns with equitable distribution and access to healthcare, but also promoted racist representations of disease carriers and the funneling of frontline healthcare workers (who are primarily female) into an emerging national security-biodefense complex.

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