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He is the author *Race Unmasked: Biology and Race in the 20th Century* (Columbia University Press, 2014), a history that examines the way biologists, especially geneticists, shaped the race concept during the 20th century from eugenics to the sequencing of the human genome. Yudell is the author, with Rob DeSalle, of *Welcome to the Genome: A User's Guide to the Genetic Past, Present, and Future* (John Wiley and Sons, 2004). Yudell and DeSalle also edited *The Genomic Revolution: Unveiling the Unity of Life* (Joseph Henry Press of the National Academy of Science, 2002). He is currently writing *Ages of Uncertainty: Autism Spectrum Disorders and the Search for Cause and Cure*, a history of autism spectrum disorders. As PI, Yudell just completed an Autism Speaks funded grant looking at the ethical challenges of communicating scientific findings from autism research. Yudell also writes the blog "The Public's Health" for the Philadelphia Inquirer. Outside of his academic life, Yudell appears monthly with the improv group Study Hall at the Philadelphia Improv Theater.