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Models for Equitable Minority Inclusion in Institutional Research

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“The Community-Owned and Managed Research (COMR) Model for Equity in Research”

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Omega R. Wilson presents as the third speaker in our series, “Models for Equitable Minority Inclusion in Institutional Research.” Omega co-founded West End Revitalization Association (WERA) in 1994. WERA’s mission: Support access to “basic public health amenities” (safe drinking water, sewer lines, housing, streets, sidewalks, and storm-water management) for people of color and marginalized communities. To address these civil rights and environmental justice concerns, WERA created an innovative research paradigm called community-owned and managed research (COMR). For more information, please review the following NIEHS article, “West End Revitalization Association: Demonstrating the Value of Community-led Research to Address Environmental Justice Issues” (https://www.niehs.nih.gov/research/supported/translation/community/west-end/index.cfm)

About the Series: Because citizen science work often operates outside of institutional channels, it often faces difficulties when it intersects with institutional structures, often disproportionately hurting minoritized communities and those not traditionally served by academic and institutional research models. In this series, we explore this intersection with an aim of understanding how community participation can be made more equitable and just. Stay tuned for the next speaker, Pepijn Al. Previous speakers included Alex Pearlman and Angelique Harding.