

Science in the Cinema - Los Angeles

Friday December 3, 2-5 PM

California African American Museum in Exposition Park

Miss Evers' Boys and USC's Lyndee Knox



Based on the shocking true story, *Miss Evers' Boys* exposes a 40-year government backed medical research effort that led to tragic consequences. It is 1932 when loyal, devoted Nurse Eunice Evers (**Alfre Woodard**) is invited to work on a federally funded program to treat syphilis patients in Alabama. Free treatment is offered to those who test positive for the disease, including Caleb Humphries (**Laurence Fishburne**). But when the government withdraws its funding, money is offered for what will become known as "The Tuskegee Experiment", a study of the effects of syphilis on patients who don't receive treatment. Miss Evers is faced with a terrible dilemma - to abandon the experiment and tell her patients, or to remain silent and offer only comfort. It is a life or death decision that will dictate the course of not only her life, but the lives of all of Miss Evers' Boys. (Based on description @ Amazon.com)

Lyndee M. Knox is an Assistant Professor of Family Medicine at the University of Southern California. She is Co-Director of the Southern California Center of Academic Excellence for Youth Violence Prevention funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and is Founding Director of LA Net, a primary care research network studying minority health disparities in the region.

Knox has advised several federal agencies and medical associations on healthcare disparity issues. In the LA area she has worked with community organizations including Latino Health Access, the South Asian Network, and Correcthelp, a non-profit organization advocating improved healthcare for HIV-positive inmates in the prison systems.

Knox received fellowships from USC, Harvard University, and the American Psychological Association. Recent publications include training guides for health professionals on violence prevention published by the AMA and the American Journal of Preventive Medicine.



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