

## **Dr. Jenkins Biography**

Dr. Kevin Ahmaad Jenkins is a dynamic speaker, author, scholar, and lecturer at the University of Pennsylvania. Jenkins is appointed within the School of Nursing, the School of Social Policy & Practice and is an Associate Fellow within the Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics. He is also the director of the Interpreting Attitudes toward Minorities in Medicine (I AM) Research Group.

Dr. Jenkins, who is two-time award winner national journalist examines the influence of race, racism, and psychosocial stress within medicine. Dr. Jenkins leads research studies that analyze how stress lethally interacts with vascular-based diseases (e.g., heart disease, chronic kidney disease, and diabetes) and Alzheimer's Disease in high-risk subgroups within the Black community. To best understand how racism makes people sick, Dr. Jenkins and his research team work with former professional football players, veterans, and people living with vascular-based diseases to create family-centered culturally sensitive and competent interventions.