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Dr. Cross is a biomedical engineer, anatomist, neuroscientist, population geneticist, cancer biologist, LGBTQ+ advocate, and entrepreneur. He leads Cross River Strategies (CRS), a US-based boutique consulting firm that uses community engagement and scientific research to power health equity strategies and services across biotech, pharma, and academic institutions.

He completed his Bachelors at Georgia Institute of Technology, Masters and PhD at Howard University, and Postdoctoral Fellowship at Yale University where he currently serves as a Principal Investigator through CRS for the Center for Community

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Notably, he served as a Congressional Science Fellow on Capitol Hill during the 113th Congress; was recently appointed as the Community Engagement Advisor at QFN TV, and currently serves on the board of visitors for Howard University's School of Pharmacy. As a former member of the board of trustees at Howard, he championed development efforts to establish the Lavender Fund, the first university-wide fundraiser to support LGBTQ+ students at an HBCU. To date, there have been 17 scholars awarded across disciplines including medicine, law, and dentistry.

He has been interviewed by national leaders in the field of health equity and was an official SXSW 2022 speaker on the panel titled, "Going Beyond Clinical Trials to Advance Health Equity."