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Brian D. Smedley is among the inaugural class of Equity Scholars at the Urban Institute, where he conducts research and policy analysis to address structural and institutional forms of racism that impact the health and well-being of people of color.

Formerly, Dr. Smedley was Chief of Psychology in the Public Interest at the American Psychological Association (APA), where he led APA's efforts to apply the science and practice of psychology to the fundamental problems of human welfare and social justice. Among his prior positions, he was co-founder and Executive Director of the National Collaborative for Health Equity, co-Director of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Culture of Health Leadership National Program Center, and Vice President and Director of the Health Policy Institute of the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies. Dr. Smedley also was a Senior Program Officer at the Institute of Medicine (IOM), where he served as Study Director for the IOM report *Unequal Treatment: Confronting Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health Care*, among other reports on diversity in the health professions and minority health research policy.

Among his awards and distinctions, Dr. Smedley has been honored by the American Public Health Association, the Congressional Black Caucus, the Rainbow/PUSH coalition, and the American Psychological Association.