



## Anatomy of a Crisis: Impact of Racism on Public Health in America

### Episode 3: Overcoming State Sponsored Segregation

Join Denesha Snell and Dr. Jacob Wagner as they discuss the effects of racist housing policies on Kansas City and housing solutions that can move our city towards more equitable practices.

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**Host:** [Denesha Snell](#), Member, Library Board of Trustees and Program Director, American Public Square

Denesha Snell, a Kansas City native, is program director for American Public Square. Denesha has devoted her career to address community issues including parent advocacy, cultural diversity, causes of health disparities, violence prevention and improving relationships with community and civic partners. She holds a BS from Tennessee State University and a Master of Education from Rockhurst University.

**Guest:** [Jacob Wagner, PhD](#), Associate Professor of Urban Planning + Design, the Director of the Urban Studies Program, and Faculty Director and Co-founder of the [UMKC Center for Neighborhoods](#)

Dr. Jacob A. Wagner is an Associate Professor of Urban Planning + Design, the Director of the Urban Studies Program, and Faculty Director and Co-founder of the UMKC Center for Neighborhoods. Dr. Wagner teaches courses in urban planning and urban studies focused on neighborhood planning, equity and community development in the Department of Architecture, Urban Planning + Design (AUPD). He is a member of the editorial board of the Journal of Urban Design and the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP). He served on the Vacant Lot Task Force for the Environmental Management Commission of the City of Kansas City, MO and is the past President of the Board of Cultivate KC.

#### References:

[UMKC Center for Neighborhoods](#)

[Furman Center](#)

[Institute for Housing Studies](#) – DePaul (Chicago)

[Policy Link](#)

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[The Land Bank of Kansas City](#)

[An “All-Out” Effort to Achieve Desegregation and Equality of Opportunity: Assessment of Fair Housing 2.0](#), University of Pennsylvania, Reinvestment Fund

[Kansas City Public Library Reading and Resource List](#)

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