

# Telling the Story

# TIMELINES

- **CHRONOLOGY OF ACHIEVEMENTS OF WOMEN OF COLOR IN HEALTH AND MEDICINE**
- **Susan Maria Smith, MD**  
1847-1918—First African-American woman doctor in New York State.
- **Susie King Taylor**  
1848-1912—First African-American U.S. Army nurse during the Civil War.
- **Susan La Flesche Picotte, MD**  
1865-1915—First Native American woman physician.
- **Mary Mahoney (1845 - 1926)**  
1879—First African-American woman to study and work as professionally trained nurse graduating from the New England Hospital for Women and Children (Now Dimock Community Health Center), Boston.
- **Jane C. Wright, MD**  
1938—African-American woman appointed Associate Dean and professor of surgery at New York Medical College - the position as a dean at that time was the highest post ever attained by an African-American woman in medical administration.

# PIONEERS AND ROLE MODELS



# INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURES

- Organized Medicine
- Rise of a Professional Class
- Institutional Histories
- State Racial Policies
- Spatial Segregation

# Hegemonies

- Medicine
- Science
- Philosophy
- Ethics
- Narrative
- Race, Gender, Class

# Resistance and Agency

- Acts of Resistance of historical actors
- Individual and collective interventions
- Reframing Historical Paradigms

# Healers and Healing

Traditional Practitioners

Folk or Complementary Medicine

Alternative Metaphors

# Persistent Inequality

- Under-representation in the Professions
- Racialized Workforce Stratification
- Health Care Disparities



# Apologia

Frames for Making Sense of the Past

