



Rick Kittles, Ph.D
Scientific Director
African Ancestry, Inc.

Present-Day Country of African Origin: Senegal, Nigeria

Dr. Rick Kittles is Co-founder and Scientific Director of African Ancestry, Inc. It is through his years of research on genetic variation in African peoples, his passion for African history and the movements of its people throughout the world that African Ancestry was created more than five years ago. Since then, African Ancestry has made its mark as a pioneering force in ancestry tracing, being the first in the industry to geographically assess African lineages to a present-day country of origin.

As African Ancestry's lead geneticist, Kittles oversees the proprietary African Lineage Database used by African Ancestry, as well as works in collaboration with historians, anthropologists, linguists and other geneticists to safeguard accuracy and relevance of the company's DNA testing system. Under his direction, African Ancestry's African DNA database remains the largest and most comprehensive ever collected making the company's lineage matching results the most reliable in the marketplace.

Dr. Kittles is very active in the field of human genetics and anthropology, particularly as it relates to genetic genealogy studies and disease association in African Americans. He is an Associate Professor at the University of Chicago's Department of Medicine. Prior to that, Kittles was Co-Director of Molecular Genetics at the National Human Genome Center at Howard University.

Kittles received a Ph.D in Biological Sciences from George Washington University, and as an assistant professor at Howard University in 1997, helped establish a national cooperative network to study the genetics of hereditary prostate cancer in African Americans.

Dr. Kittles' work at African Ancestry has ignited global interest and dialogue, as well as unprecedented focus on African ancestry tracing in U.S. and abroad. He has published numerous studies and articles on DNA tracing and genetic research on prostate cancer in African Americans.

About African Ancestry

Founded in 2003 on years of research, African Ancestry, Inc., is an ancestry tracing company that pioneered African lineage matching in the United States utilizing its proprietary DNA-database of more than 25,000 African DNA lineages to more accurately assess present-day country of origin for people of African descent. Since its inception, African Ancestry's lineage reveals have impacted the lives of more than 100,000 people of African descent in the U.S. African-American-owned and operated, African Ancestry is headquartered in Washington, DC. **For press inquiries**, contact Taylor Communications Group at info@taylorcommunicationsgroup.com.

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