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Dr. Smith has previously served on two National Academies Institute of Medicine Committees: Environmental Justice and Gulf War & Health. She serves on the NIOSH-funded Education & Research Center for the recruitment & retention of minority trainees.