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There is No One Way

“As with many other marginalized communities, disabled artists and activists have always figured out how to exist and thrive in ways that may seem atypical or inferior by “normal” standards.”



COVID-19 and Homelessness

Protecting people experiencing homelessness is critical for saving lives, containing the spread, and preventing our hospitals from being overwhelmed.



Health Activism, Creative Practice, & the Medical Humanities

A symposium that explored the arts’ capacity to help us reimagine and produce individual and collective well-being. Crucial here is a consideration of how marginalized communities develop arts of knowing and doing health in conversation with and contestation of dominant biomedical models and institutions.



“Not Fragile”: Survivor-Led Mutual Aid Projects

Flourish in a Time of Crisis

“the adaptability of people who have always been “at risk”



People Who Need to Take Extra Precautions - CDC



Coronavirus and the Politics of Care - Law and Political Economy

“the most urgent need is for a new politics of care in this pandemic”



Achieving A Fair and Effective COVID-19 Response:

An Open Letter to Vice-President Mike Pence, and Other Federal, State and Local Leaders

from Public Health and Legal Experts in the United States

“The letter calls for direct interventions to try to reduce the precarity in which so many workers, carers, and migrants today in the US live, so that everyone is in a position to cooperate with recommendations that will benefit us all.”



US Interagency Council on Homelessness

Homelessness services systems should be working closely with their city and county governments and public health systems to prepare for COVID-19 disease outbreaks among people experiencing homelessness.





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Grieving Our Collective Loss—One Stitch at a Time

“...even though my life’s work has prepared me to understand precisely this moment in history, I’m finding scholarly mechanisms too abstract in the face of material loss. There is an ever-growing, gaping maw of a “people-shaped hole in the universe” that I cannot feel.”



NoBodyisDisposable.org

“We are people targeted by triage plans during the COVID-19 pandemic — people with disabilities, fat people, old people, people with HIV/AIDS or other illnesses — and our loved ones who don’t want us to die. We partner with social justice and civil rights organizations, as well as medical professionals to demand policies that avoid triage and avoid discrimination in triage.”



Culture Surge

“We believe that artists and culture-makers are the visionary leaders needed to galvanize us towards a future rooted in justice, care, and connection.”



Center For Cultural Power - Confronting Crisis with Imagination

“If we get this right, we’ll never go back to normal.”



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State of Play: COVID-19 and Homelessness

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Open Letter Advocating for Anti-Racist Health Response

White supremacy is a lethal public health issue that predates and contributes to COVID-19. Black people are twice as likely to be killed by police compared to white people, but the effects of racism are far more pervasive. Black people suffer from dramatic health disparities in life expectancy, maternal and infant mortality, chronic medical conditions, and outcomes from acute illnesses like myocardial infarction and sepsis. Biological determinants are insufficient to explain these disparities.



Directory of Peer Respite

A peer respite is a voluntary, short-term, overnight program that provides community-based, non-clinical crisis support to help people find new understanding and ways to move forward. It operates 24 hours per day in a homelike environment. Successful peer respites are currently operating in California, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Massachusetts, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Vermont, and Wisconsin.



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Transition Is Inevitable, Justice Is Not:

A Critical Framework For Just Recovery

“You only need to articulate the right to breath when it is being infringed upon.”



Performance Despite the Pandemic:

Continuing to Create at the Intersection of Coronavirus, Crisis, and Care



“Naming the Lost”

NYC Artists Built Memorials with 24-hour Vigil

Physical memorials across NYC honor the lives lost to COVID-19. “Naming the Lost” was a 24-hour online national vigil to draw attention to the lack of a national mourning and to encourage attendees to unite across differences to ensure everyone receives the care they need.



What public health experts want critics to know about why they support the protests

“People are in the streets because they have to be,” Rhea Boyd, a pediatrician who works in California’s Bay Area, says. “Because that is how dire things are. Even in the setting of a pandemic, where it seems like being out there risks your life. There are so many risks on your life. You’ve got to be out there to try to protect it. People need, and black folks in particular, need a ton of changes to happen immediately.”



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contraCOVID

Contra COVID is an organization dedicated to helping Latino and immigrant families during this pandemic. We are a group of students and professionals from Harvard Medical School and medical institutions around the country who are dedicated to ensuring that Latino and immigrant individuals have the information they need to protect themselves and their families.



Hastings Bioethics Forum

“The Hastings Center addresses social and ethical issues in health care, science, and technology. Through our projects and publications, The Hastings Center shapes ideas that influence key opinion leaders, including health policy-makers, regulators, health care professionals, lawyers, legislators, and judges.”



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Public Health Experts say the pandemic is exactly why protests must continue.

Facing a slew of media requests asking about how protests might be a risk for COVID-19 transmission, a group of infectious disease experts at the University of Washington, with input from other colleagues, drafted a collective response. In an open letter published Sunday, they write that “protests against systemic racism, which fosters the disproportionate burden of COVID-19 on Black communities and also perpetuates police violence, must be supported.”



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