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When the World is Remade, Make It Like Appalachia

“We live in a remote, rural area in central Appalachia. I joke darkly that everything is wonderful here except there are no jobs and no healthcare. The pandemic is exposing these sizeable gaps—who has care, who has nothing—compounded by race, class, and geography. But it’s also reinforcing for me why I have lived where I do for so long: in the face of the pandemic, my small community has supported each other, stronger than ever. With inequitable access to resources, we have always had to.”



Global Network Responses to COVID-19 Ethnicity Data - Black Lives Matter

“This virus is devastating to us. We are the essential workers who keep the country going; we are the mail carriers, delivery personnel, transportation providers, and hospital workers. We cannot just #stayhome. Yet, we represent the vast majority of COVID-related deaths in Chicago, Louisiana, and Michigan — Black people are dying at rates that are two and three times our population share — and that is only what we know right now, these numbers will increase as the virus continues to engulf our vulnerable communities.”



Many Undocumented Immigrants are Frontline Workers, But Their Families Can’t Get Government Aid

“Being called ‘essential’ doesn’t change the fact that we, as undocumented people, are having to keep this country running, but are also kept out of any government aid.”



COVID-19 and The Naturalization of Vulnerability

“Seniors and elders in nursing homes and elsewhere aren’t inherently vulnerable; nor are disabled people in institutions inherently vulnerable. Both of these groups (among others) are made vulnerable.”



Structural Racism, White Fragility, and Ventilator Rationing Policies

“It’s been painful to watch health leaders twist themselves into moral knots denying that recently created ventilator rationing guidance will differentially affect Blacks, Latinx, and other people of color. On television, in newspapers, and on listservs, when the predicted disproportionate impacts of these policies are raised, some bioethicists—often white, stonewall. Or repeat a policy’s assertions that race, ethnicity, disability, etc. are irrelevant to care decisions. Or default to the intent of the policymakers.”

More from Hastings Bioethics Forum on COIV-19



The Color of Corona: COVID-19 deaths analyzed by race and ethnicity

A regularly updated research document by APM Research Lab. As of May 19, 2020, nearly 92,000 Americans had died of COVID-19. Data about race is available for 88% of these deaths.





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What Indian Country Remembers About Survival

As the coronavirus spreads, North America’s Indigenous Peoples hold a unique experience of stress and fear because of this blood memory. In the 18th century, as European settlers sought to colonize Indigenous lands, they weaponized germs, giving blankets infected with smallpox to tribal communities to slow down Native resistance and to decimate Native populations.



Ableism - an updated definition

“A system that places value on people’s bodies and minds based on societally constructed ideas of normalcy, intelligence, excellence and productivity. These constructed ideas are deeply rooted in anti-Blackness, eugenics, colonialism and capitalism.



The Official Virtual Experience | Crip Camp

Topics include “Shedding Shame & Embracing Wholeness: Why We Must Address Internalized Ableism”, “Our Worth, Our Humanity: Disability Justice as a Spiritual Practice” and many more.



How to Survive Yet Another Plague

“So here are a few other lessons from living through HIV.”



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Infection Control Deficiencies Were Widespread and Persistent in Nursing Homes Prior to COVID-19 Pandemic

A detailed report from the U.S. Government Accountability Office: “Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, we found that most nursing homes were cited for infection prevention and control deficiencies (82% of those surveyed from 2013-2017). About half of these homes had persistent problems and were cited across multiple years.”



African American Policy Forum: COVID-19 “Under the Blacklight”

A series of symposiums that address the COVID-19 pandemic from an intersectional lens. Topics include ‘Mobilizing Whiteness to Re-Open America’, ‘COVID in Confinement’, ‘The Intersectional Failures that COVID Lays Bare’ and more.



COVID-19 Triage and Disability: What NOT To Do

“one core argument against some of the emerging COVID-19 triage protocols is that they are discriminatory against disabled people when they use criteria that deprioritize them because of a belief that their lives are of less value because they are of less quality.”



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What Lessons does the AIDS Crisis offer for the coronavirus pandemic?

“One lesson from aids was about the power of communities coming together to take care of one another, to touch one another, to act, using bodies—often frail bodies, always endangered bodies, sometimes even dead bodies—to fight.”



Lessons in Belonging from Indigenous Leaders

“Indigenous peoples are rising up to care for their communities in beautiful ways, showing that resilience has lasted for centuries and will continue long after this pandemic has passed.

What can the world learn from us during this time? Why is being Indigenous important? We are a constant reminder that the land is always listening.”



Protect the Sacred

“Protect the Sacred started as an emergency response to the growing crisis in the Navajo Nation from COVID-19.”



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The Frailty of Disability Rights

“This Essay surfaces a broader, unresolved issue in disability law laid bare by the current pandemic—that disability rights have never had the public understanding and buy in necessary ... to generate large scale structural reform.”



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.”



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Statement on CDC Statement on Extension of CDC Order

Public health experts have confirmed that expelling hundreds of unaccompanied children and blocking asylum seekers is not a rational response to the public health challenges our country faces. Instead of turning asylum seekers and unaccompanied children away at the U.S. border, we can and should follow the advice of public health experts to implement evidence-based policies that will protect all of us and allow us to live up to our moral and legal responsibilities to these vulnerable groups.



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The Holiness of Being Broken: Trauma and Disability Justice

And like many people with complex ancestral and childhood trauma, I got sick and stayed sick. I have Lupus, an autoimmune disease correlated with trauma. War veterans and domestic abuse survivors are statistically more likely to develop it, as are people of color and cisgender women. There is not medical research on transgender and non-binary people and Lupus, but anecdotally it is clear to me that we also suffer from high rates of autoimmune disease that is linked to trauma. We are literally sickened by our historical, systemic and present traumas.



The indigenous communities that predicted Covid-19

“Indigenous leaders from Brazil and Indonesia emphasised the role that traditional knowledge, practices and land stewardship can play in protecting the planet. These protections, they said, extend not just to lessening climate change and biodiversity loss, but to reducing the risk of future pandemics.”



Native Americans & COVID-19 Town Hall

“Our values and our ancestral teachings are so relevant right now,” said Jodi Archambault of the Wend Collective during the town hall. “Communities are planting gardens, children are learning songs, and they’re learning languages. Without audiences, people are just doing it because it makes their hearts sing.”



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Southern Poverty Law Center fights to keep children out of JD and other enclosed spaces during pandemic

“The case is part of a broader initiative the SPLC and its partners have undertaken to free young people in danger of the coronavirus – and other health risks – from juvenile detention facilities, correctional facilities and other group placements. The SPLC is looking to represent more youth who have been detained during the pandemic.”



Southern Poverty Law Center Statement on Passage of HEROES Act

“We commend members of the U.S House of Representatives for passing the HEROES Act. It is an important step to ensuring critical resources go to those who need it most, particularly communities of color in the deep South.”



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Coronavirus Resource Kit

This compilation features resources from disabled, queer, elderly, Asian, and indigenous people. Mutual aid projects from Seattle, Philadelphia, DC, Twin Cities, Boston, and Chicago have been added.



During COVID, Queer Folks Are Trying To Create Community & Joy

“There’s so much wisdom to be found,” McCarthy says of the richness of LGBTQ lives in quarantine.”



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