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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.”



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.



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.”



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.”



People Who Need to Take Extra Precautions - CDC



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 ... Or repeat a policy’s assertions that race, ethnicity, disability, etc. are irrelevant to care decisions.” [More from Hastings Bioethics Forum on COVID-19](#)



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.



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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.



‘White, Conservative, and Dumb’
—and Other Lies About Rural America

How rural organizers are building change in their communities by focusing on what politicians ignore: relationships.



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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.



Coronavirus and the Politics of Care - Law and Political Economy

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



The Intersections of Disability and Violence

NPR called it the “assault epidemic no one talks about.” Each year, people with disabilities—physical, mental, intellectual, and others—face disproportionate rates of sexual and domestic violence. And too often, they do not receive the support they need.



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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.”



Turtle Disco Classes

“Dedicated to providing a welcome and supportive environment, grounded in a disability culture framework. Zoomshell Connection with Turtle Disco Kaffeeklatsch: connect, check-in, and exchange about our creative lives during viral times.”



“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.



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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.



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.”



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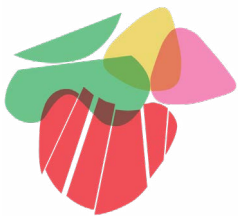
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Color of Change Coronavirus Response

“Color Of Change is the nation’s largest online racial justice organization. We help people respond effectively to injustice in the world around us. As a national online force driven by 1.7 million members, we move decision-makers in corporations and government to create a more human and less hostile world for Black people in America.”



In Memoriam of the Art World’s Romance with Diversity

When the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) announced that it had terminated its educators’ contracts and that it would be years before it would resume regular operations to consider hiring them back, the NYC cultural sector shuddered.



#blacklivesmatter COVID-19 Petitions

“Join us and sign both of the petitions below today.”



Coronavirus and Spirituality

Today’s episode is about the coronavirus and spirituality with Elliot Kukla, a rabbi at the Bay Area Jewish Healing Center in San Francisco where he has provided spiritual care to those who are dying, ill, or bereaved since 2008. I got a chance to talk with Elliot about a recent essay he wrote for The New York Times titled “My Life Is More ‘Disposable’ During This Pandemic.” Elliot is grateful to his partner Abby Weintraub for her care and collaboration that makes all his work possible.



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Media, Inequality and Change Center

Communication is a diverse discipline, but one that consistently deals with some of the most current and relevant topics we face. Annenberg School for Communication researchers study everything from the ongoing crisis in journalism, to how gig workers use apps to make a living, to efforts to get smokers to quit. But no matter their area of specialty, many Annenberg faculty and students have responded to recent events by pivoting their work to address what may be the world’s most urgent problem: coronavirus, or COVID-19.



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.



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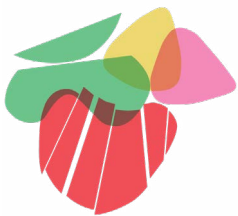
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The Holiness of Being Broken: Trauma and Disability Justice

“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.”



Protect the Sacred

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



How to Survive Yet Another Plague

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



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.”



LGBTQ People and COVID-19

LGBTQ+ people experience health disparities. Barriers to care cause us to be less likely to get medical care; and mean we’re more likely to have compromised health in general. Health disparities magnify the impact COVID-19 could have on us.



Trans People and COVID-19

Trans adults are also more likely to score their health as poor or fair compare to the general population. More than 1 out 5 transgender adults have at least one or more chronic condition, such as diabetes, arthritis, or asthma. Fear of discrimination keeps many of us from going to the doctor.



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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Decolonizing Community Care in Response to COVID-19

“Now more than ever it is imperative for us to decolonize from individualism and reconnect with ways of community care.”



Permanently Organized Communities

“A just transition to economies of sacredness and care in this emerging COVID-19 moment”



Get Well Soon!

An archive of comments from GoFundMe health campaigns: “Now might be a good time to rethink what a revolution can look like. Perhaps it doesn’t look like a march of angry, abled bodies in the streets. Perhaps it looks something more like the world standing still because all the bodies in it are exhausted—because care has to be prioritized before it’s too late.”



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.”



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.



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Performance Despite the Pandemic:

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



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.”



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.”



Petra Koppers in “The Leader” – Black Earth Institute

Petra Koppers wants “her audiences to find the healing she has by learning about disability culture” which can help people to “find the strength in their own bodies,” especially as they face what she deemed the current “onslaught” of conditions such as the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.



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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 help Black People with Disabilities

A spreadsheet of resources.



Alliance of Artist Communities: Unbreakable Solidarity

You ask what can you do as arts and culture workers? Should you invite an artist to lead a talk or town hall? Reach out to Black alumni and try to process this moment with them? Organize a cohort around the theme of social justice? None of these are your next step



Racism is a Public Health Issue

Los Angeles County Museum of Art’s panel/discussion series on racism during COVID: featuring relevant artists & researchers.



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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



The Okra Project

The Okra Project is a collective that seeks to address the global crisis faced by Black Trans people by bringing home cooked, healthy, and culturally specific meals and resources to Black Trans People wherever we can reach them.



Sins Invalid

Many of us who are immunocompromised/suppressed or chemically injured have had to think about how many people we will encounter on any given day, what that will expose us to, and how it could impact our health. It's an irony that the whole world is talking about and problem solving with us now. It's painful that able bodied/minded people evidence their ableist privilege with frustration that air travel is inaccessible, that their schedules are impacted by others' schedules, that they can't do their normal social routines... Welcome to our world!



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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.”



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.”



Black Disabled Creatives

“By showcasing creatives on a global scale, we aim to not only offer an accessible platform for hiring personnel but to help bridge the divide for creatives with disabilities.”



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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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