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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.”



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.



Petra Kuppers in “The Leader” – Black Earth Institute

Petra Kuppers 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.



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.



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.”



Coronavirus and the Politics of Care - Law and Political Economy

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





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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."



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.



"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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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.



Hastings Bioethics Forum

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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.



Mapping Access: Mourning, Mobilization and Mutual Aid

In the last few months, there has been an immense amount of collective grief in our communities. We grieve the lives lost to a global pandemic, particularly the ways that the failures of infrastructure and prevailing medical ableist attitudes have devalued Black and Indigenous people, elders, and disabled people, further exacerbating existing healthcare inequalities and hierarchies of valued and devaluated life.



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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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.”



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.”



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