Providing Culturally Relevant Crisis Services During COVID-19:

The Morbidity of National Trust and Mental Health Disparities: Past, Present, and Future

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The Morbidity of National Trust and Mental Health Disparities: Past, Present, and Future

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The Past: How strains on our healthcare system and health disparity reflect bias, skepticism and low-social trust

Early Modern Cultural Shifts

- Development of Elite Culture
- Changing view of the poor
- Conditional versus Dispositional sources of poverty
- Enactment of poverty policing and punishment
- Enlightenment rationalization and codification of racial caste

Early America health crises

- 1793 Philadelphia Yellow Fever Epidemic
- 19th-century cholera epidemics
- Civil War trauma
 - Lack of care and disease among Freedmen and POWs
 - Soldiers heart and PTSD
- Eugenics

Flu pandemics: 1918

- Early successes
- American restlessness and resistance to public health solidarity
- Organize opposition to public health solidarity
- The conditional suffering of Indigenous/Native American communities
- The conditional suffering of African-American communities
- (Additional flu pandemics in 1957, 1968)

Scandalous public health experiments and Trust

- U.S. Military Experiments on the Public
- "The Tuskegee Study of Untreated Syphilis in the Negro Male"
- "Conspiracy" Targeted groups and preventative care

The Present: Polarization and unaddressed dynamics of technology, the memory and the politicization of everything

Public Response and The Stress of Representation

- HIV/AIDS
- The War on Drugs
- Unequal morbidity and diseases of despair
- The Stress of Fitting In

The Internet: Friend

- Overcoming the misnomer of social distancing
- Mobilizing public information
- Crowdsourcing community intelligence
- Logistical support

The Internet: Aggravator

- Physical distancing isn't what it seems
- Negative affinity groups
- Economics of misinformation
- False sense of connectedness
- Hiding disparity through information overload

The Future: Reimagining health care, community engagement and technology

The Future: Imagining Solidarity

- Knowledge and Public Policy
- Culturally Aware Planning and Responses
- Communication Technology
- Mapping Underserved Communities Overcoming Suspicion