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