

## COVID-19 Syllabus - Inequality in Boston Edition

This compilation was put together by Community Engagement and its Service-Learning Advisory Board as a resource for faculty who want to teach about the COVID-19 pandemic and inequality in Boston. There are other 'syllabi' focused on COVID more generally (links below), so most of the articles here are Boston-specific though there are some for general background. If you have materials to include please email [communityengagement@simmons.edu](mailto:communityengagement@simmons.edu).

### Background - General Inequality and Health Inequality in Boston:

- The Boston Globe [Spotlight Series](#)
- [Yes, Boston, You are Racist](#), Renee Graham
- [Invisible in Any Language: Mass Latinos Face Intense Inequality](#), Katie Johnston
- [Stamped from the Beginning](#), Ibram X. Kendi
- [Health Disparities v Health Inequities](#), Boston Commission of Public Health
- [Health Disparities and Equality](#), Massachusetts Medical Society
- [Health Inequities in Boston by T-Stops: a Pictorial Essay](#), BU School of Public Health
- [Unhealthy, Unwealthy: Health Disparities in Massachusetts](#) (2017), Clark University Moskakowski Institute for Public Enterprise
- [Public Health and Spatial Inequality in Boston](#) - Children, DSNI Research Brief
- [Disparities in Health](#) (2011), Massachusetts State Health Disparities Council
- [Social Capital and Health Outcomes in Boston, Technical Report, Center on Human Needs](#), Virginia Commonwealth University

### Colonialism

- [The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe's Crisis within a Crisis](#), Anna Kate E. Cannon and Maya H. MacDougall
- [Mashpee Wampanoag fight for their land amid a pandemic](#), Petra Kelly-Voicu
- [Native American News: COVID-19 Infection Rates, Tribal Casino Shutdowns, And Reservation Land Legal Battles](#), WGBH Under the Radar
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### Elder Care

- [COVID-19 Hits Elder Care Facilities In Mass. The Hardest, With More Than 1,300 Now Dead](#), Miriam Wasser and Bob Oakes
- [Independent report slams handling of coronavirus outbreak at Holyoke Soldiers' Home](#), Hannah Krueger and Matt Stout
- [Group calls for urgent nursing home reforms amid COVID-19](#), John Hilliard
- [The expendables in the coronavirus pandemic: The elderly and those with disabilities](#), Peter Glick and Amy Cuddy

- [Seniors, Facing Isolation Worsened By COVID, Turn To Volunteers, Community Efforts To Ease Loneliness](#), Liz Neisloss

## Homelessness

- [COVID-19 outbreak at a large homeless shelter in Boston: Implications for universal testing](#); Travis P. Baggett, Harrison Keyes, Nora Sporn, Jessie M. Gaeta
- [Epidemiology of COVID-19 among people experiencing homelessness: Early evidence from Boston](#), Baggett, Travis P.; Lewis, Elizabeth; Gaeta, Jessie M.
- [Confirmed Coronavirus Cases Among Boston's Homeless Tops 400](#), Danny MacDonald
- [CDC Report Highlights Spread of COVID-19 in Homeless Shelters](#)
- [Boston Secures Enough Kits For Universal Testing Of People Who Are Homeless And Shelter Workers](#), Lynn Jolicoeur

## Immigration

- [47 ICE Detainees Released From Bristol County: Judge Wants Virus Testing Reports For Those Still Held](#), Shannon Dooling
- [COVID-19 Resource Guide for Boston's Immigrants](#), City of Boston
- [COVID-19: Protecting our families and communities](#), Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Coalition
- [Undocumented Immigrants Face Coronavirus, Job Loss With No Safety Net](#), Liz Neisloss

## Mass Incarceration

- [New Legal Action To Free Massachusetts Prisoners Due To COVID-19](#), Deborah Becker
- [Sheriff: Coronavirus Should Not Mean Release Of People In Jail For Addiction Treatment](#), Deborah Becker
- [Why Has COVID-19 Not Led to More Humanitarian Releases?](#), Dan Berger
- [Coronavirus can mean a death sentence to prisoners](#), Nancy Gertner
- [Lockdown within a lockdown: What it's like inside a Mass. prison during the coronavirus pandemic](#), Ainslie Cromar
- [Voices of Incarcerated Women](#), Families for Justice as Healing
- <https://www.aaihs.org/prison-abolition-syllabus-2-0/>, The Prison Abolition Syllabus
- <https://www.prisonpolicy.org/virus/>, Prison Policy COVID-19 Resources:
- ["Time in Prison Shouldn't be a Death Sentence,"](#) WBUR (7 April 2020), Taymullah Abdur-Rahman,
- ["More than 150 Positive COVID-19 Cases Reported Among Prisoners, Staff Inside Mass. Jails and Prisons,"](#) WBUR (15 April 2020), Deborah Becker,

## Health Disparities in Boston

- [Boston City Council Hearing on Health Inequalities in the distribution of medical resources](#) - 4/22/20
- [“This Disease is Just Crushing Communities of Color: ER Doctors on How COVID-19 is Laying Bare Inequities in Health Care,”](#) Dialynn Dwyner, Boston Globe, 24 April 2020
- [Community Health Centers In Mass. Face Financial Strain](#), Saraya Wintersmith
- Mass General Brigham Webinar: [Ensuring Equity in Response to COVID-19](#);
- [Mass General Brigham Disparities Solution Center](#) website

### **Mental Health/ Substance Abuse**

- [Prevalence of Covid-19 Infection and Subsequent Cohorting in a Residential Substance Use Treatment Program in Boston, MA](#), Barocas JA1, Blackstone E, Bouton TC, Kimmel SD, Caputo A, Porter SJ, Walley AY
- [Case Study of Massachusetts COVID-19 Emergency Policy Reforms to Support Community-Based Behavioral Health and Reduce Mortality of People with Serious Mental Illness](#), Stephen J. Bartels et al.

### **Outbreak Narratives (Humanities)**

- [Communicable Americanism - Social Contagion and Urban Spaces](#) - Priscilla Wald
- Silva, Cristobal. *Miraculous Plagues: An Epidemiology of Early New England Narrative*. New York ; Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011.  
<https://global.oup.com/academic/product/miraculous-plagues9780199743476?cc=us&lang=en&>
- [African Medical Knowledge, the Plain. Style, and Satire in the 1721 Boston. Inoculation Controversy](#). Kelly Wisecup
- [Pox and ‘Hell-Fire’: Boston’s Smallpox Controversy, the New Science, and Early Modern Liberalism](#); by Carla J Mulford; In *Periodical Literature in Eighteenth-Century America*. Ed. Mark L. Kamrath and Sharon M. Harris. Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 2005. Pages 7-27, 2005
- [Outbreak Narratives](#) - Syllabus by Molly Farrell; list primary sources on Boston Small Pox Outbreak
- [Pox Americana](#) (Digital Project); Claudio Saunt and Elizabeth Fenn
- [The Fight Over Inoculation During the Boston Smallpox Outbreak](#)
- [Voices from the AIDS Crisis: 1985](#), BU School of Public Health

### **Race and Racism**

- [Under the Backlight: the Intersectional Vulnerabilities that COVID Lays Bare](#), Kimberle Crenshaw, Podcast
- [Why Don’t We Know Who the Coronavirus Victims Are?](#), Ibram X. Kendi

- [Minority Communities are being hit harder by the Coronavirus](#), Paris Alston and Tiziana Dearing
- [With coronavirus, racism is the underlying condition](#) Jeneé Osterheldt, Boston Globe
- [Fears of coronavirus fuel anti-Chinese racism](#), Pan, Deanna. Boston Globe (Online);
- [Coronavirus doesn't discriminate. Neither should testing and treatment](#). Graham, Renée. Boston Globe;
- [Healey sees coronavirus highlighting, and increasing, inequality](#), Walker, Adrian. Boston Globe (Online);
- [For Non-English Speakers, Difficult Language Barriers Become Dire Amid Outbreak](#), Simon Rios (also available in Spanish)
- [Chelsea, city of the working Latino immigrant, emerges as a COVID-19 hotspot](#), Marcela Garcia
- [Being a person of color isn't a risk factor for coronavirus](#). Living in a racist country is, Renee Graham
- [Racial disparities laid bare as coronavirus hits Boston minorities hard](#), Sean Phillip Cotter and Lisa Kashinsky

## Research/ Data

- [Rapid Ethnographic Assessments A Practical Approach and Toolkit For Collaborative Community Research](#) By Thurka Sangaramoorthy, Karen A Kroeger
- [COVID-19 Dataset](#)
- [Data on AIDS](#)
- [Coronavirus Cases in Massachusetts Cities and Towns](#) - WBUR

## Schools

- [A Tale of Many Cities: A Contemporary Historical Study of the Implementation of School Closures During the 2009 pA\(H1N1\) Influenza Pandemic](#) J. Alexander Navarro ; Katrin S. Kohl ; Martin S. Cetron ; Howard Markel J Health Polit Policy Law (2016) 41 (3): 393–421.
- [Extended Closures Could Mean Some Mass. Day Cares Never Reopen](#), Kathleen McNerney
- [COVID-19 pandemic may give rise to 'universal stress' for kids coming back to school](#), Ainslie Cromar
- [Coronavirus Pandemic Creates Particular Challenges For Special Needs Students](#), CBS News
- [Coronavirus gives us an opportunity to rethink K-12 education](#), Paul Reville
- [Coronavirus and school-closings expose another pandemic: American inequity](#), Jeneé Osterheldt
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## Social Justice/ Action

- [Social Justice In a time of Social Distancing](#) - Kenneth Bailey and Lori Lobestine
- [Massachusetts COVID-19 Task Force](#)
- [Brigham and Women, Division of Global Health Inequity](#)
- [Collaborative for Health Equality](#)
- [COVID Black](#) letter writing campaign
- [COVID-19 Global Solidarity Manifesto](#)
- [COVID-19 - Racial Equity & Social Justice Resources](#), Racial Equity Tools

### **Other Coronavirus Syllabi/Resources**

- [Humanities Coronavirus \(COVID 19\) Syllabus](#) - Northeastern University
- [Teaching Pandemics](#) - JSTOR Daily
- [The Politics of COVID 19](#) - The Syllabus
- Campus Compact [COVID 19 Responses and Resources](#)
- [Simmons OCIE website](#) for local resources