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.

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 Pictoral 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

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**, 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/](https://www.aaihs.org/prison-abolition-syllabus-2-0/), The Prison Abolition Syllabus
- [https://www.prisonpolicy.org/virus/](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,

**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


- African Medical Knowledge, the Plain. Style, and Satire in the 1721 Boston. Inoculation Controversy. Kelly Wisecup


- [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 Innoculation 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
- 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, Jenee Osterheldt

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