

## Public Health and Racial Inequality: The Links between Covid-19 and the Summer BLM Protests

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### Greg Millett & Jeff Crowley

Please join us for a virtual speaker event from the Georgia Tech School of Public Policy.

Thurs, September 24, 2020

11:00am to 12:15pm

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Interested in making real-world impact while at Georgia Tech? This talk by top infectious disease and public policy experts will draw a through-line linking HIV disparities, Covid-19, and the Black Lives Matter protests. It will also discuss how students and faculty can have immediate and long-term influence on systemic inequities. There is an ongoing public health emergency that played out in the streets this summer. The Covid-19 pandemic has exploded the myths we hold of an egalitarian American society. A novel coronavirus to which most humans are susceptible has disproportionately impacted people of color. Even the economic recession brought about by lockdowns to control the spread of the virus has led to the disproportionate loss of jobs, business, and housing in communities of color. The lesser value of black and brown lives was made further clear by the deaths of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor and sparked one of the most memorable periods of civil unrest in recent history. But potential solutions are right in front of us, especially for college students and faculty interested in solving real-world technological and policy problems. Come find out how!

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