

## **Engaging the Community to Advance Health Equity**

**☑ TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023** 

(1) 12:30 - 5:30 PM

In Person

The DuBois Center UNC Charlotte Center City

## OPTION TO LIVESTREAM THE KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

- Keynote Presentation by professor and author Steven W. Thrasher, Ph.D., Centering the Viral Underclass While Advancing Population Health Equity
- Networking Reception immediately following the Keynote Presentation
- Five Concurrent Workshops on Developing a Toolkit for Community Engagement
- Presentation of the APHI Innovation Awards
- Event is free and open to the public, but online registration is required
- CEU credits available for ACHE, CPH, CEPH, and Social Work contact hours
- Mark your calendar now and watch your inbox for additional information and event registration starting in early March!

Registration Deadline: March 28

**REGISTER NOW!** 

## **EVENT KEYNOTE SPEAKER**



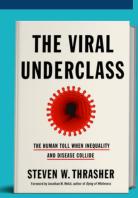


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Steven W. Thrasher holds the inaugural Daniel Renberg Chair at Northwestern's Medill School, the first journalism professorship anywhere to focus on LGBTQ research. He is also on the faculty of Northwestern's Institute of Sexual and Gender Minority Health and Wellbeing. An interdisciplinary scholar, Dr. Thrasher is an internationally recognized expert on race, social epidemiology, and the criminalization of disease who has addressed universities and medical institutions around the world. In 2020, he served as a national surrogate to presidential candidate Senator Bernie Sanders, advising the campaign on its healthcare policies. He has written about the HIV/AIDS, Covid-19, and monkeypox epidemics for the New York Times. Guardian, Atlantic, and BuzzFeedNews, as well as in numerous scholarly journals. His first book, The Viral Underclass: The Human Toll When Inequality and Disease Collide, was published in August 2022 by Celadon Books and Macmillan Publishing to wide acclaim. The book was on "best of" lists from Apple, Amazon, USA Today, Kirkus Reviews, New York magazine and Publishers Weekly. The Viral Underclass was also a longlist finalist for both the American Library Association's Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Nonfiction and the PEN/John Kenneth Galbraith Award for Nonfiction, and won Best in Literature from the POZ Awards for its depiction of HIV/AIDS. He holds a Ph.D. in American Studies and tweets @thrasherxy.