## Essential Workers, COVID-19, and the African Diaspora

A Zoom roundtable featuring:



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Guest speakers Dr. Fumilayo Showers and Dr. Faranak Miraftab will discuss the work of members of the African diaspora in the US in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. Africans living in the United States often work in "essential" positions as healthcare providers and food processors that increase their exposure to COVID-19. The speakers will explore the global dynamics that lead members of the African diaspora to work in these necessary but high-risk occupations.