A Conversation about ‘Life and Death in Rikers Island’

Dr. Homer Venters

Tuesday, Nov. 5 / 3:30-5:00pm
Scott Lab E100


Light snacks and refreshments will be served.

About the Book:

In Life and Death in Rikers Island, Homer Venters, M.D. explains the profound health risks associated with incarceration. From neglect and sexual abuse to blocked access to care and exposure to brutality, Venters details how jails are designed and run to create new health risks for prisoners—all while forcing doctors and nurses into complicity or silence. Life and Death in Rikers Island has been acclaimed by the New Yorker as “a crucially important book.”

About the Panelists:

Homer Venters, M.D. is a physician, epidemiologist, and author of Life and Death in Rikers Island. He formerly served as the Chief Medical Officer of the NYC Correctional Health Services and is currently the Senior Health and Justice Fellow for Community Oriented Correctional Health Services (COCHS) and Clinical Associate Professor at the NYU College of Global Public Health.

Jennifer A. Clayton, R.N., B.A., C.C.H.P. is the current Deputy Director of Holistic Services for the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation & Correction (ODRC).

Carlos Christian is co-founder of The Starts Within Organization (S.W.O.), a non-profit organization that combats the alarming recidivism rate that hinders the growth of communities across the nation.

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