Situating Health Justice Movement

[x] Justice Movements

- Environmental Justice
- Climate Justice
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- Health Justice
- Racial Justice

Angela P. Harris & Aysha Pamukcu, The Civil Rights of Health 67 UCLA L. Rev. 758 (2020)
Health Law as Social Justice

Lindsay F. Wiley
Social, Political & Structural Determinants of Health

Root cause
- Structural Discrimination
  - Racism
  - Sexism
  - Ableism
  - Classism
  - Poverty

Tool
- Political Determinants of Health
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  - Enforcement
  - Governing processes
  - Policies and policies
  - Budgets

Systems
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  - Employment
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  - Education
  - Neighborhood & built environment

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Truth & Reconciliation

Community-Driven Structural Change

Legal Protection, Financial Supports, Accommodations

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Truth and Reconciliation?

Truth & Reconciliation Commissions
• process whereby parties who have been harmed and parties who have caused harm share their experiences and revise historical narratives, so they reflect truth and seek justice in the form of reconciliation, reparations, or some form of resolution
• 46 countries have used at the national level

US Truth and Reconciliation processes
• Changing narrative + relationship building + structural change
• grassroots lead & local, some are gov’t, not
Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation: A Framework for Action

LAW
CIVIL, CRIMINAL & PUBLIC POLICIES

SEPARATION
SEGREGATION, COLONIZATION & CONCENTRATED POVERTY

ECONOMY
STRUCTURED INEQUALITY & BARRIERS TO OPPORTUNITY

LOCAL COALITIONS
VISIONING, PLANNING & IMPLEMENTING

NARRATIVE CHANGE
TRUTH TELLING

RACIAL HEALING
TRUST & RELATIONSHIP BUILDING

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Framed by a personal narrative detailing Dr. Gail C. Christopher's commitment to help our nation to jettison the false belief in a racial hierarchy, *Rx Racial Healing: A Guide to Embracing Our Humanity*, provides individuals an overview of the methodology, tools, and resources to facilitate and engage in the Rx Racial Healing approach for transformational change in colleges, organizations, and communities.
Healing Justice projects address the root cause of oppression, by supporting practices that foster individual and collective healing and connecting this to structural changes in governments and institutions.
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