

14<sup>th</sup> African American Intellectual-Thought Symposium

**THE CORONAVIRUS AND THE VIRUS OF RACISM:  
RACE, CLASS, AND GENDER**

**One Flu Over the Cuckoo's Nest**



“By April 10, only *BuzzFeed* among the white-dominated news outlets reported the disproportionate rates of deaths among African Americans from COVID-19. Their statistics were shocking. In Chicago, blacks make up 30% of the population but 70% of the COVID-19 deaths. In Louisiana, blacks are 32% of the population and 70% of COVID deaths. In Michigan, blacks comprised 14% of the population but 52% of deaths. In Mississippi, blacks comprise 38% of the population and 71% of the deaths. This disproportionality extends to virtually every state in the U.S.” Dr. C. Spigner (Blackpast.org): NOTE--DISPROPORTIONATE RATES FOR LATINX COMMUNITIES ARE CLOSELY COMPARABLE.

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