

Spectrum Lecture Series 2019-2020

What Happens When the Only Way to Stop an Infectious Outbreak is to Break the Law Public Health, Ethics, and Society

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Montgomery College
Germantown Campus

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Lauren Canary
National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable
Washington DC



From forced quarantine to provision of drug paraphernalia, sometimes the most effective response to infectious diseases violates our society's core values. This lecture will examine the complex web of public health, ethics, and societal norms that face scientific developments and their role in public health response. With the growing opioid crisis as the backdrop, Lauren Canary will recount her experiences as an epidemiologist with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention working to address the infectious disease sequelae of growing drug use in the United States. Trained in benchside immunology research, she will connect the seemingly disparate fields of microbiology and public policy in this Spectrum Lecture.

Biography: Lauren Canary holds a Master's Degree in Public Health from Emory University. She began her studies at Montgomery College Germantown, before pursuing benchside HIV research at the National Institutes of Health. After her graduate training she worked for five years as an epidemiologist at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. She now leads the National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable in Washington, DC where she advocates for improved infectious disease policies at the state and national level.

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