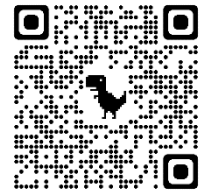


# SPECIAL TOPICS



**Tuesday, February 20, 2024**

**Location: HSC, Level 3, LH 6**

**3:30pm- 5:00pm**

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## **Unmasking the Invisible: Rethinking Drug Use Stigma and Spoiled Identity in Medicine**

***Brandon Muncan, MD/MA Candidate 2024***

This presentation explores the pervasive impact of drug use stigma on healthcare and individuals who use drugs, framing stigma as a "spoiled identity." Our primary objectives are threefold: to reveal the mechanisms by which stigma operates in healthcare settings, to elucidate its adverse effects on healthcare access and quality, and to provide actionable strategies for clinicians to deliver equitable and compassionate care, ultimately helping patients reclaim their dignity within the healthcare system.



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