

"Ban This: A Conversation on Book Bans and Rebellious Reading for Social Justice"

with

Dra. Anna-Michelle McSorley



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Book bans in the United States have increased sharply in recent years. For public health researchers, practitioners and advocates committed to anti-racism, social justice, and health equity, these book bans emerge as an additional barrier to advancing these causes. As a solution to this public health threat, Dra. Anna-Michelle McSorley, PhD, MPH proposes reading as an act of rebellion, which entails reading, sharing, and widely discussing banned books. By the conclusion of this session, participants will have a deeper understanding of book bans in the US and how these bans are an emerging threat to health equity. Additionally, participants will have the opportunity to practice rebellious reading with members of the public health community.

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