

COMMUNITY TRAUMA AND LAMENTATIONS



Friday, March 24, 2023

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Buffalo History Museum

1 Museum Court • Buffalo, NY 14216

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Racial violence towards black and brown bodies, along with a growing **social desensitization** of such violence, has become more evident in the first decades of the 21st century. Equally concerning is the push towards social action without appropriate regard for self-care, the impact of collective trauma in our communities, the lack of attention to community mental health, and the absence of a sustained conversation on the **historical** and **structural** contexts that facilitate **racial hatred** and its **unrestrained brutality** on the bodies of ethnic minorities. This crisis warrants **communal lamentation**. Individual and collective grief work is necessary for healing. This event will expose participants to the **Buffalo community's lamentations about the May 14, 2022, Jefferson Avenue shooting** and its value for dismantling systemic structures of oppression and creating spaces of justice and freedom.

All are welcome to stand in solidarity with those who will offer lamentations.

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