

**DEPARTMENT OF EPIDEMIOLOGY 2019 SPRING SEMINAR**

**Thursday, April 4**

**12:00 — 12:55 pm , G23 Public Health Auditorium**

**Race, Racism and Inequity:  
The Case of Maternal and Infant Health**

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