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# Life After the Gunshot

A Digital Storytelling Project on the Impact  
of Structural and Interpersonal Violence and  
the Healing Process for Young Black Men



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Each year approximately 100,000 Americans are victims of nonfatal firearm injury at least 75% of this population are survivors of intentional firearm violence. Homicide, specifically via gun violence, is the leading cause of death and disability in the US among young Black males (ages 15-34). Structural violence, specifically, the impact of mass incarceration, mass probation and its collateral consequences on young Black men amounts to a social death for thousands disfranchised by the mark of a felony record many for non-violent offenses. Approximately 2.3 Americans are incarcerated in US prisons and jails and 40% of the incarcerated population are Black despite representing only 13% of the US residents. Additionally, 4.5 million US residents are on probation and parole. It is expected that one out of three young Black men will be incarcerated at some point in their lifetimes. Gun violence and mass incarceration not only contribute to early mortality and social death among this population, they also impose significant physiological and mental health trauma across the life-course.

**2:00pm–3:30pm**  
Virtual Event

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