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**Health Disparities Presentation**

**LESSONS OF ROOT SHOCK:  
"HELPING EACH OTHER IN HARD TIMES"**

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Mindy Thompson Fullilove, MD, is a research psychiatrist at New York State Psychiatric Institute and a professor of clinical psychiatry and public health at Columbia University. She was educated at Bryn Mawr College (AB, 1971) and Columbia University (MS, 1971; MD 1978). She is a board certified psychiatrist, having received her training at New York Hospital-Westchester Division (1978-1981) and Montefiore Hospital (1981-1982).

After several years of work as a community psychiatrist, Dr. Fullilove joined the UCSF Center for AIDS Prevention Studies at its founding in 1986. She moved to New York in 1990 and has continued to study AIDS and other problems of inner-city neighborhoods. Her work on AIDS is featured in Jacob Levenson's **The Secret Epidemic: The Story of AIDS in Black America**. Most recently, with support of a Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Investigator Award, she has studied the long-term consequences of urban renewal for African American people. As part of that work, she co-founded NYC RECOVERS, an alliance of organizations concerned with the social and emotional recovery of New York City in the aftermath of 9/11. This project provided the data for her book, **Root Shock: How Tearing Up City Neighborhoods Hurts America and What We Can Do About It**, June 2004, Ballantine Books.

She has published numerous articles, book chapters, and monographs. She is the author of **The House of Joshua: Meditations on Family and Place**, University of Nebraska Press, 1999. She has received many awards for her work including being named a "National Associate" by the National Academy of Science in 2003, being among the "Best Doctors in New York," and receiving two honorary doctorates (Chatham College, 1999, and Bank Street College of Education, 2002). Perhaps her most treasured honor was being selected to give the Commencement Address by the 2002 Graduating Class of Hampshire College, which included her youngest child, Molly ([www.hampshire.edu](http://www.hampshire.edu)).

**Tuesday, April 21, 2009**

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6705 Dodge Street

**5:30 – 6:30 pm: Reception**

**6:30 – 7:30 pm: Buffet Dinner/Presentation**

**7:30 – 8:00 pm: Q & A/Discussion**

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