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'COVID-sorting': navigating intimacy and risk

Dr. Jack Drescher, a practicing clinical psychiatrist and expert on LGBTQ mental health, will talk with Dr. Ilana Seager van Dyk of the Yale Initiative for LGBTQ Mental Health, about how people are navigating risk and intimacy in the age of COVID-19, and potential parallels to HIV.

Thursday, March 25th, 4:00 pm-5:00 pm
Register via Zoom
Jack Drescher, MD, is a psychiatrist and psychoanalyst in private practice in New York City, a Distinguished Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association, Past President of the Group for Advancement of Psychiatry and a Past President of APA’s New York County Psychiatric Society. Dr. Drescher is Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at Columbia University, College of Physicians and Surgeons and Faculty Member, Columbia Center for Psychoanalytic Training and Research. He is Adjunct Professor of Psychiatry, New York Medical College and Clinical Supervisor and Adjunct Professor at New York University’s Postdoctoral Program in Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis. He is a Training and Supervising Analyst at the William Alanson White Institute. Dr. Drescher is Author of *Psychoanalytic Therapy and the Gay Man* (Routledge) and Emeritus Editor of the *Journal of Gay and Lesbian Mental Health*.

**Jack Drescher, MD**  
*Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, Columbia University*
Ilana Seager van Dyk, Ph.D. (she/her), is a postdoctoral associate at the Yale School of Public Health. Dr. Seager van Dyk’s research program employs experimental and longitudinal methods to understand the social and emotional mechanisms underlying health disparities in populations under chronic stress (e.g., LGBTQ folks) during critical developmental transitions (e.g., adolescence). A trained clinician, Dr. Seager van Dyk endeavors to use her experience providing evidence-based psychological care to youth and families to inform this program of research, with the ultimate goal of translating her research into clinical care.

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