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# Eat Your Own Leg: Medicine, Religion, and Non-Compliance in the Time of Planetary Crisis

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In the time of pandemic and planetary crisis, scholarship on religion and medicine should address the forces behind the suffering they cause. In this talk, I explain how religion features in capitalism's predatory disposition. The same religious discourses that uphold gendered and racist structures of oppression feature in capitalist industries (e.g., industrial animal agriculture) that contribute to pandemic and planetary crisis. These crises in turn disproportionately affect women and people of color. I ask how activists, on the other hand, resist capitalism and its health and animal injustices by building solidarity between communities dispossessed by capitalism's death-dealing structures.

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