# Sexual Health Equity and the LGBTQ+ **Community Presentation and Panel Discussion**

## Friday, Feb. 24, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. | Join via Zoom

Sexual and gender minorities often face discrimination and barriers to appropriate health care. While these barriers can impact many aspects of health, they are particularly evident when addressing issues related to sexuality and gender expression.

The LGBTQ+ community has frequently been marginalized and treated by health care providers with a degree of insensitivity and a lack of knowledge of some of their unique challenges.

Dr. Kate Thomas will examine the issues and challenges that face the LGBTQ+ community. What are the barriers inherent in our health care system? What are the historical underpinnings of these barriers, and how does stigma lead to poorer quality of health? Dr. Thomas will highlight examples of where stigma has led to less-than-optimal outcomes and focus on strategies to improve the education, cultural competence and the comfort in dealing with those who are among the sexual and gender minorities with the goal of advocating for evidence-based and humane sexual health care to the LGBTQ+ community.

This event is for members of the LGBTQ+ community and their allies. Register at smh.memberclicks.net/02-24-2023---lgbtq--sexual-health-equity, email hprecou1@jhmi.edu or call 202-364-7602 by Feb. 22.



#### Guest speaker: Kate Thomas, Ph.D.

**Health Equity Panel** 

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