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**The Untold Story of the Smallpox Epidemic
among Formerly Enslaved People
during the Civil War and Reconstruction**

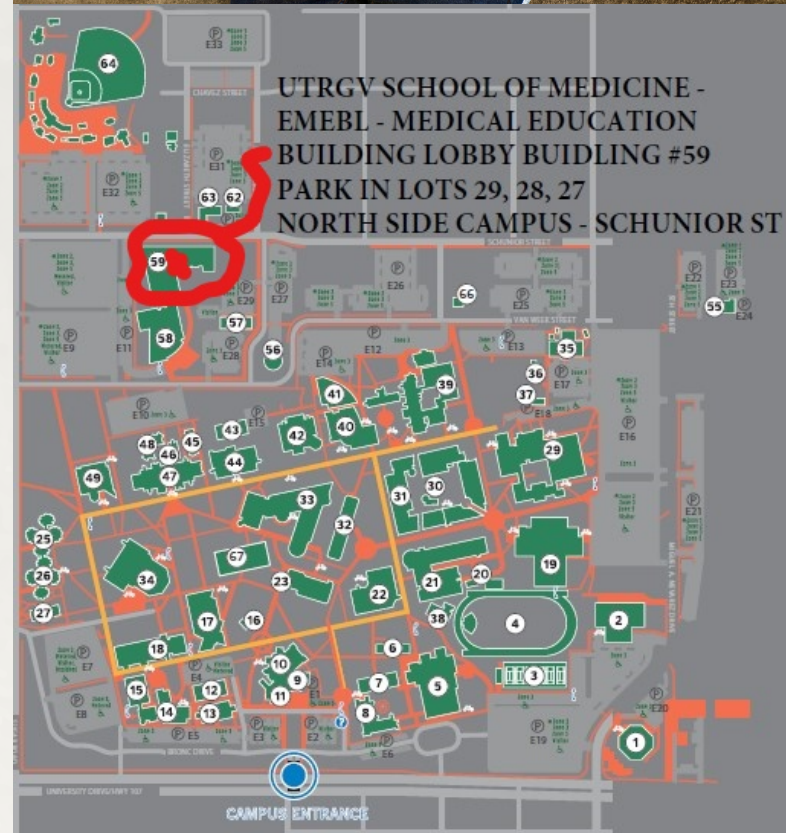
Wednesday, August 2, 2023

5:00 - 6:00 PM CST

**UTRGV School of Medicine EMEBL Building
Auditorium 1210 W. Schunior Street, Edinburg**

This event is free and open to the
public. Book-signing & reception to follow at 6pm
in the UTRGV School of Medicine EMEBL Building main lobby.

Dr. Downs is the author of *Maladies of Empire: How Colonialism, Slavery, and War Transformed Medicine* (Harvard UP, 2021), which will be translated into Chinese, French, Japanese, Korean, and Russian. His other books include *Sick from Freedom: African American Sickness and Suffering during the Civil War and Reconstruction* (Oxford UP, 2012) and *Stand By Me: The Forgotten History of Gay Liberation* (Basic Books, 2016). He has published essays in *The Atlantic*, *The New Yorker*, *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, *Vice*, *Slate*, *The Lancet*, *LA Times*, among others. He is the editor of *Civil War History*.



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