

Freedom Center, an advocacy group run by and for people labeled with severe mental illness, presents

Coercive Psychiatry: Past and Present Meanings of “Treating the Mentally Ill”

Despite a public image of benevolence, psychiatry and mental health care have intimate historic ties to racist eugenics, the Holocaust, human experimentation, political repression, and brutal treatments. Unless we remember and understand this disturbing legacy, we will fail to see the ways it continues today.

Please join us for a panel discussion and community dialog on the origins of the biomedical model of psychiatry, the use of mental patients in government funded mind control experiments, the connection between German Nazi psychiatrists and the American Psychiatric Association, and the implications of the Bush Administration’s “New Freedom Commission” mental health policy.



Panelists include **Freedom Center** organizers and **Lenny Lapon**, author of the classic book *Mass Murderers in White Coats: Psychiatric Genocide in Nazi Germany and the United States*.

Friday, April 22nd 5pm

Hampshire College Franklin Patterson Hall, Rm 108

**Free and open to the public; wheelchair, public transit accessible
Dinner will be provided! (including vegetarian and vegan options)**

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