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Areas of Interest: History and social constructions of psychiatric diagnoses, cultural responses to psychoactive medication, community mental health, public health policy

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Professor Alcabes studies the history, ethics, and policies of public health. In addition to his book *Dread: How Fear and Fantasy Have Fueled Epidemics from the Black Death to Avian Flu* (2009), his essays on public health topics have appeared in *The American Scholar* and the *Chronicle of Higher Education Review*, among other publications. His work on AIDS and tuberculosis policy has appeared in many peer-reviewed journals, including *Lancet*, *Journal of Infectious Diseases*, and *Social Alternatives*. Professor Alcabes was on the faculty at Albert Einstein School of Medicine, Yale School of Medicine, and NYU School of Medicine, where he conducted epidemiologic research on AIDS and other community-acquired infections and published extensively before joining Hunter's Urban Public Health faculty in 1999.