

# Philip Alcabes

**Areas of Interest:** Sociology of public health, history of psychiatry, epidemics as cultural artifacts, public health policy

**Degrees:** PhD, Epidemiology, Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health (1993); MPH, Columbia University (1981); MA, Biochemistry, University of California at Berkeley (1978); BS, Chemistry, Union College (1976).

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, including the Covid pandemic, have appeared in *The American Scholar*; *DePICTions*, the online review of the Paris Institute for Critical Thinking; *LARB*, the online version of the *Los Angeles Review of Books*; and 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*. Before joining the Hunter faculty in 1999, 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. He is working on a book on the Covid pandemic.