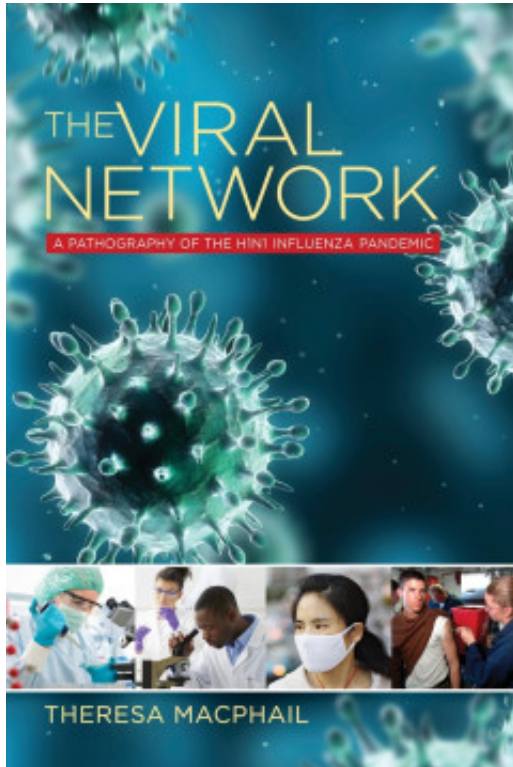


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Book Forum -- The Viral Network: A Pathography of the H1N1 Influenza Pandemic

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In this Book Forum, our commentators respond to Theresa MacPhail's provocative ethnography of influenza research and public health response, [The Viral Network: A Pathography of the H1N1 Influenza Epidemic](#). Lyle Fearnley, Katherine A. Mason, Natalie Porter, Adia Benton, and Carlo Caduff reflect on — among other issues — the place and privileging of the laboratory, the simultaneously limiting and lubricating effects of network connections, the problems with foregrounding expertise over power as an explanatory framework, and the way that experts wield speculation and temporality as tools in the global health arsenal. Theresa MacPhail concludes with a response and meditation on her notion of pathography and the continued mutations of a viral anthropology.

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