

## **Martin Summers**

### **Biographical Sketch**

Martin Summers is a professor of history and African and African Diaspora Studies at Boston College, where he regularly teaches courses on gender and sexuality in African American history, medicine and public health in the African diaspora, and the African diaspora and the world. He has published scholarship on gender and sexuality within the African American community, including a monograph, *Manliness and Its Discontents: The Black Middle Class and the Transformation of Masculinity, 1900-1930*, which was awarded the American Historical Association-Pacific Coast Branch Book Award in 2005. Summers' most recent book, *Madness in the City of Magnificent Intentions: A History of Race and Mental Illness in the Nation's Capital*, is a social and cultural history of medicine which focuses on African American patients at Saint Elizabeths Hospital, a federal mental institution in Washington, D.C., from its founding in 1855 to the 1980s.