

Smith College School for Social Work's **Disability Awareness Group**,
the **Social Welfare Action Alliance**, and **Freedom Center**
Invite You to a Community Discussion

MAD IN AMERICA:



From Labeling to Empowerment in Mental Health Care

What is the way forward towards more humane mental health care? Come learn the personal experiences of an investigative journalist, an ex-mental patient, and a social worker working for an agenda of activism, empowerment, and self-determination.

ROBERT WHITAKER, Pulitzer-nominated journalist and author of *Mad In America: Bad Science, Bad Medicine, and the Enduring Mistreatment of the Mentally Ill*,

WILL HALL, diagnosed with schizophrenia, award-winning disability activist, and co-founder of Freedom Center, a support and advocacy group run by and for people labeled with mental illness,

CHERYL ALEXANDER, MSW, SCSSW, therapist, ally to the survivor movement, abuse whistleblower and organizer with Freedom Center's restraints and seclusion campaign.

Moderated by **FRED NEWDOM** and introduced by **CAROL OWEN**, faculty with Smith School of Social Work



Wednesday, June 29, 7 pm

Smith College, Seelye Hall Room 106

Free & open to the public; wheelchair accessible (rear elevator).

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