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Dr. Margot Gage Witvliet is assistant professor in the Sociology Department at Lamar University. She is the Interim Assistant Director of the Center for History and Culture and serves as an Advisory Board member for the Center. Dr. Gage Witvliet earned her PhD in social epidemiology and public health from the University of Amsterdam/Amsterdam Medical Center (UVA/AMC). Before coming to Lamar University, she held post-doctorate fellowships at the UVA/AMC and the Norwegian University of Science and Technology. Dr. Gage Witvliet has written 21 peer-reviewed journal publications and has over 100 citations. She was invited to address President Biden's COVID-19 Task Force Team and was recognized by Health Magazine as one of the seven African American women unsung heroes of the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Gage Witvliet is featured in People Magazine, Washington Post, NY Times Magazine, and ABC News to name a few for her long COVID advocacy work. Most recently she made an appearance on MSNBC José Díaz-Balart Reports and discussed the BIPOC Women Long Covid group she founded that was featured in the Washington Post. She also did a Tedx Talk that has over 1 million views. Dr. Gage Witvliet serves on the RECOVER Publications and Oversight Committee. She has organized several programs at Lamar University, most recently "Campus and Community Violence: Exploring Strategies to Reduce Crime in Beaumont." Dr. Gage Witvliet received congressional recognition from Congressman Castro for her work in advancing social justice. She has been nominated twice for the Lamar Inspirational Woman Award and she was awarded a favorite teacher award. Dr. Gage Witvliet teaches courses in research methods, epidemiology and global health, global health disparity, medical cannabis, recognizing bias in healthcare, social psychology and human interaction, sociology of education, human rights and civic life. Dr. Gage Witvliet is bilingual, has two daughters, and enjoys writing children's books and spending time at the beach in her free time.