Advanced Seminar in Medical Anthropology

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Course Description

Medical anthropologists are concerned with issues surrounding the cultural construction of health and illness, the nature of therapeutic processes, and the ways that inequality and diverse forms of social stratification shape sickness, suffering and recovery. They employ a wide range of theoretical and conceptual approaches to examine these issues. In this course, we examine some of the approaches having the most impact on the development of the field today.

Requirements

This class may be taken for either two units or four. See below for more detail.

1. Readings  The course readings have been compiled into a reading packet that is available at Course Reader Material, 1137 /1141 Westwood Blvd., 1 blocks north of Wilshire next to Rite-Aid, (tel.310/443-3303). (Store hours Mon-Fri 9a.m.-6p.m., Sat 10a.m.-4p.m.). No Aging in India: Alzheimer’s, the Bad Family, and Other Modern Things by Lawrence Cohen (1998) Berkeley: University of California Press may be purchased from the Health Sciences Bookstore, 13-126 CHS (tel 825-7721).

2. Class sessions will consist of a group discussion based on a book, book chapters, or articles. All enrolled students are required to attend each class having read the assigned readings and being ready to discuss them. Please also come to class with a one to two paragraph abstract of each selection. Although individual abstracts will not be graded, they are to be handed in at the end of each class and will count toward your final grade.

Each abstract should be a succinct statement of the content of the reading, the questions it raised for you, and issues you would like discussed; you may comment critically on the reading if you wish. You may want to include in the abstract your thoughts on how the reading relates to research you’ve done, other interests you have, or other readings for the course. The length of each abstract will undoubtedly vary according to how engaging you found the selection.

Please also rate each reading on a scale of A - F on two criteria: how much you learned from the selection; how much you enjoyed reading it.

3. Students taking the class for four units are also required to prepare a paper of approximately 20 pages on a topic derived from the broad issues that orient the seminar. The paper may be based on field research, bibliographic work, or both. We prefer that the paper to be part of one of your ongoing research interests, if possible. Your paper should be typed, double spaced, and have left and right margins no less than 1". It should be proofread and corrected prior to
submission. Use the style of the American Anthropologist or the Medical Anthropology Quarterly for footnotes and references. You will be required to present a brief synopsis of your research project during one of the last two weeks of class.

Please submit a one-paragraph description of your paper topic by October 15. Papers are due in class December 3. We would be happy to review and comment upon the first draft of your paper. If you have it to us by November 19, we will return it by November 26.

4. Grading

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We will give an Incomplete (I) only under truly exceptional circumstances. Late papers will be downgraded.

Syllabus

**October 1**  Introduction: overview of basic concepts, themes, and issues. Discussion of course structure and mechanics, reading assignments, and paper topics.

**Additional Readings**

Fabrega, Horacio Jr.  

Good, Byron  

Guess, Virginia Ann  

Landy, David  

Lock, Margaret and Deborah G. Gordon  

Sargent, Carolyn F. and Thomas M. Johnson  
Wellin, Edward

Worsley, Peter

Young, Allan

Another way to introduce yourself to current concepts, issues and approaches in medical anthropology is to peruse the indexes of the major journals, especially Social Science and Medicine; *Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry; International Journal of Health Services; Medical Anthropology; Health; Human Organization; Sociology of Health and Illness; Medical Anthropology Quarterly*; and *Transcultural Psychiatry*.

**October 8 Social structural approaches**

**Required**

Conrad, Peter

Rhodes, Lorna A.

Lantz, Paula M. and Karen M. Booth

Thomas, J.C. and K.K. Thomas

Smith, Barbara Ellen
Browner, C. H.  

Additional Readings

Mishler, Elliot G.  

McDade, Thomas  

Lorber, Judith  

Dutton, Diana B.  

Angel, Ronald  

Zola, Irving Kenneth  

Riessman, Catherine Kohler  

Sered, Susan and Ephraim Tabory  

Vlassoff, Carol  

Turner, Bryan S.  
Morgan, Myfanwy, Michael Calnan and Nick Manning  

Ware, Norma  

Hunt, Linda, Brigitte Jordan, Susan Irwin, and Carole H. Browner  

Hunt, Linda M., C. H. Browner, and Brigitte Jordan  

Farmer, Paul, Margaret Connors, and Janie Simmons, eds.  

October 15 Biocultural approaches

Required

Brown, Peter J., Marcia C. Inhorn, and Daniel J. Smith  

Leatherman, Thomas  

McDade, Thomas W.  

Lock, Margaret, Patricia A. Kaufert, and Penny Gilbert  

Zeserson, Jan Morgan  
Browner, C. H., Bernard R. Ortiz de Montellano, and Arthur J. Rubel  

Additional Readings

McElroy, Ann  

Armelagos, George J., Thomas Leatherman, Mary Ryan, and Lynn Sibley.  

Dressler, William W., Mauro Campos Balieiro, and Jose Ernesto Dos Santos  
1998 Culture, Socioeconomic Status, and Physical and Mental Health in Brazil. Medical Anthropology Quarterly 12(2):424-446.

Townsend, Patricia K. and Ann McElroy  

Moerman, Daniel E.  

Lock, Margaret  


October 22 Political economic/critical medical anthropology

Required

Waitzkin, Howard  

Lazarus, Ellen  
Das, Veena  

Additional Readings

Berliner, Howard  

Farmer, Paul  

Singer, Merrill  

Keane, Christopher  

Weiss, Meira  

Robertson, Ann  

Lock, Margaret and Nancy Scheper-Hughes  

Scheper-Hughes, Nancy and Margaret Lock.  

Willis, Leigh A., David W. Coombs, William C. Cockerham, and Sonja L. Frison  
Doyal, Lesley


Morsy, Soheir

October 29  Feminist approaches

Required

Browner, C. H.

Lopez, Iris

Gruenbaum, Ellen

Thompson, Charis M.

Petechsky, Rosalind Pollack

Avotri, Joyce Yaa and Vivienne Walters
Griffin, K.  

**Additional Readings**

Ginsburg, Faye and Rayna Rapp, eds.  

Saetnan, Ann Rudinow, Nelly Oudshoorn, and Marta Kirejczyk, eds.  

Landsman, Gail H.  

Schoepf, Brooke Grundfest  

Browner, Carole H. and Sondra T. Perdue  

Browner, Carole H.  

Okojie, Christiana E. E.  

Santow, Gigi  

Cassell, Joan  
Finkler, Kaya  

Mitchell, Lisa M. and Eugenia Georges  

Kaufert, Patricia A.  

Morgan, Sandra  

Sen, Gita and Rachel C. Snow, eds.  

Vlassoff, Carol  

Heise, Lori L., Alanagh Raikes, Charlotte H. Watts and Anthony B. Zwi  

Obermeyer, Carla Makhlouf  
1999 Female Genital Surgeries: The Known, the Unknown, and the Unknowable. Medical Anthropology Quarterly 13(1):79-106.

Birke, Lynda  

November 5 Cultural approaches

Required

Lewis, Gilbert  
Helman, Cecil  

Graham, Hilary and Ann Oakley  

Martin, Emily  

Hartouni, Valerie  

Rapp, Rayna  

Johansen, R. Elise B.  

**Additional Readings**

Sandelowski, Margaret and Sheryl de Lacey  

Gerrits, Trudie  
Frank, Gelya

Tomlinson, Barbara

Lock, Margaret

Groneman, Carol

Kaw, Eugenia

Davis-Floyd, Robbie E.

Rhodes, Lorna Amarasingham

Bloom, Frederick R.

Rapp, Rayna

Davis-Floyd, Robbie E. and Carolyn F. Sargent, eds.
November 12 Symbolic/interpretative/narrative approaches

Required

Kleinman, Arthur

Good, Byron J.

Kirmayer, Laurence J.

Mattingly, Cheryl

Langford, Jean M.
Browner, C. H. and H. Mabel Preloran

**Additional Readings**

Mattingly, Cheryl and Linda Garro, eds.

Riessman, Catherine Kohler

Kleinman, Arthur, Veena Das, and Margaret Lock, eds.

Baruch, Geoffrey

Rhodes, Tim and Linda Cusick

Kleinman, Arthur

Layne, Linda L.

Csordas, Thomas J.

Weiss, Meira
Garro, Linda

Ezzy, Douglas

Good, Mary-Jo DelVecchio, Paul E. Brodwin, Byron J. Good, and Arthur Kleinman, eds.

Kirmayer, Laurence J.

Gordon, Deborah

Phillips, Marilynn J.

Hunt, Linda M.

Kugelmann, Robert

Dossa, Parin

Kuipers, Joel C.

Wilce, James M.
DiGiacomo, Susan M.  

November 19 Bridging Paradigms

Required

Cohen, Lawrence  

November 26 Student research presentations

December 3 Student research presentations