# Global Health in Social Medicine

## *Engaging Health Humanities through Medical Anthropology*

**MEHU 6354**

**Spring Term 2017**

Course Instructor: Jerome Crowder, Ph.D.

Tuesdays, 9a-12p. PCP 2.264

Course Description:

This course offers a cross-cultural exploration of medical systems, healers, and healing approaches through a critical ethnographic lens. Since every culture and society around the world has had to deal with injury and illness, each has a well-developed concept about the healing process, healers, diagnosis, medical treatment, medical knowledge and health practices. We must also consider what "global" means, not simply international, but how all health systems around the globe are interconnected, including our state, city and island. We will consider these and other topics with a commitment to understanding the broader structural issues at play.

Course Expectations and Assignments:

- Students will be required to lead at least two seminars throughout the semester.
- Students will be required to journal each week on their reactions to the readings and can later update their journals following class to discuss how their ideas changed or give impressions of other material presented in class (e.g. film). All journals will be kept on Blackboard. Each entry should be between 500 and 750 words. Journal entries are due before class begins.
- Based upon weekly reactions, students will formulate 3 brief (5 page) analytic reflection papers that consider themes in comparison to their experience and expectations of medicine (ethno/bio) and culture. One will be submitted every five (5) weeks.
- The final paper will be accompanied by a multimedia in-class presentation which will demonstrate the culmination of the student's thinking about one specific theme or comparative themes. Students need not have any previous multi-media experience to produce a successful final presentation. More on this later!
- Any appeals for grading changes must be submitted to the instructor within 5 business days after the return of the graded assessment to the student.
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| GRADING CRITERIA | |
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| **Seminar Participation** | **20%** |
| **Journal writing** | **10%** |
| **Reflection papers (3)** | **15%** |
| **Final Presentation** | **20%** |
| **Final Paper** | **35%** |
| **Total** | **100%** |

Prerequisites: NONE, but MEHU 6352 Foundations of Social Medicine is strongly encouraged.

Enrollment restrictions: NONE. However, all non-IMH students must speak with the instructor before registering.

Course Evaluations:

End-of-course evaluations are required for all GSBS courses that are graded A-F. The GSBS Executive Committee voted in July and August 2007 to reaffirm this policy, which is required for accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). Beginning with the fall semester 2007, students are required to complete evaluations in any course graded A-F in order to receive a grade in the course. If a completed evaluation form is not received from a student, an Incomplete (I) grade will be reported to the Office of Enrollment Services. If the course evaluation is not completed within thirty days, grade of I automatically converts to a grade of F (failure in the course). The evaluations are anonymous and are available to the course director and instructor(s) only after grades have been assigned.

Effective July 2016, GSBS policy makes an end-of-term evaluation optional for didactic courses with enrollment less than 5 students. If the Course Director chooses to do one, the comments are to be sent to the Graduate Program Director instead. The Graduate Program Director will provide a summarization to the Course Director(s). In the case where the Graduate Program Director is also the Course Director, the comments will be sent to the GSBS Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

Honor Pledge:

On my honor, as a member of the UTMB community, I pledge to act with integrity, compassion and respect in all my academic and professional endeavors.

Absence Policy:

If you plan to be absent, please inform the instructor of those dates you will not attend. If an unplanned absence occurs, inform the instructor as soon as possible (text, phone, email). Excessive absences will significantly impact your overall standing in the course.

Plagiarism**:** **"**Perhaps the most serious and misunderstood form of academic misconduct is plagiarism, which is presenting the work, words, or ideas of another person as though they are your own, without giving the original author credit. Always remember: both using another person's words directly *and paraphrasing their ideas without giving them credit* are forms of plagiarism!" (J. Marion 2014)

**Required book list**:

Bourgois, Philippe I., and Jeff Schonberg
2009 Righteous Dopefiend. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Penglase, Ben
2014 Living with insecurity in a Brazilian favela: urban violence and daily life. New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press.

Redfield, Peter
2013 Life in Crisis: the ethical journey of Doctors without Borders. Berkeley: University of California Press.

## Week 1 (JAN11): Historical and Theoretical Foundations – The Early Years

Colson, Anthony C., and Karen E. Selby
1974 Medical Anthropology. *Annual Review of Anthropology* 3:245-262.

Fabrega, Horacio, Jr.
1971 Medical Anthropology. *Biennial Review of Anthropology* 7:167-229.

Miner, Horace
1956 Body Ritual among the Nacirema. *American Anthropologist* 58(3):503-507.

**SUGGESTED**

Burde, Mark
2014 Social-Science Fiction: The Genesis and Legacy of Horace Miner's "Body Ritual among the Nacirema". *American Anthropologist* 116(3):549-561.

## Week 2 (JAN 18): Historical and Theoretical Foundations continued

Foster, George M., and B. G. Anderson.
1978 The New Field of Medical Anthropology *IN* Medical Anthropology. New York: John Wiley & Sons. Pp. 1-33.

Gordon, Deborah R.
1988 Tenacious Assumptions in Western Medicine. *IN* Biomedicine Examined, edited by M. Lock and D. H. Gordon, 19-56. New York: Kluwer Academic Publishers.

Hahn, Robert A., and Arthur Kleinman
1983 Biomedical Practice and Anthropological Theory: Frameworks and Directions. *Annual Review of Anthropology* 12:305-333.

McElroy, Ann, and Patricia K. Townsend.
2004 Medical Anthropology in Ecological Perspective. 4th ed. Boulder, Colo.:Westview Press, 2004:1-32.

Worsley, Peter
1982 Non-Western Medical Systems. *Annual Review of Anthropology* 11: 315-48.

## Week 3 (JAN 25): Ethnographic Practices & perspectives: Looking Forward & Looking Back

Agar, Michael
1996 Recasting the "Ethno" in "Epidemiology. *Medical Anthropology* 16: 391-403.

Alland, Alexander, Jr.
1987 Looking Backward: An Autocritique. *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 1(4): 424-31.

Lewis, Gilbert
2007 On "Medical System" And Questions in Fieldwork. *IN* On Knowing and Not Knowing in the Anthropology of Medicine, edited by Roland Littlewood, 28-38. Walnut Creek, CA: Left Coast Press.

Fassin, Didier
2007 The Politics of Life: Beyond the Anthropology of Health. *IN* Medical Anthropology Regional Perspectives and Shared Concerns. F. Saillant and S. Genest, eds. Pp. 252-266. Malden, MA: Blackwell

Morgan, Lynn M.
1987 Dependency Theory in the Political Economy of Health: An Anthropological Critique. *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 1(2):131-54.

Singer, Merrill
1990 Postmodernism and Medical Anthropology. *Medical Anthropology* 12: 289-304.

Seligmann, Linda J.
2014 Between Story Telling and Critical Analysis: Going Native and Crossing Borders. *Anthropology and Humanism* 39(1):10-17.

**SUGGESTED**
Singer, Merrill
1990 Reinventing Medical Anthropology. *Social Science and Medicine* 30(2): 179-87.

## Week 4 (FEB 1): Migration, Globalization & Health

**Redfield, Peter**
**2013 Life in Crisis: The Ethical Journey of Doctors without Borders. Berkeley: U. California Press. Through p. 120.**

Willen, Sarah S., Jessica Mulligan, and Heide Castañeda
2011 Take a Stand Commentary: How Can Medical Anthropologists Contribute to Contemporary Conversations on "Illegal" Im/migration and Health? *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 25(3):331-356.

## Week 5 (FEB 8): Health, Illness and Disease

Bolton, Ralph
1981 Susto, Hostility, and Hypoglycemia. *Ethnology* 20(4):261-276.

Buckser, Andrew
2006 The Empty Gesture: Tourette Syndrome and the Semantic Dimension of Illness. *Ethnology* 45(4):255-274.

Hunt, Linda M., C. H. Browner, and Brigitte Jordan
1990 Hypoglycemia: Portrait of an Illness Construct in Everyday Use. *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 4(2):191-210.

Rubel, Arthur J., and Carmella C. Moore
2001 The Contribution of Medical Anthropology to a Comparative Study of Culture: Susto and Tuberculosis. *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 15(4):440-454.

Singer, M. & H. Baer
2012 Understanding Health, Illness, and Disease. *IN* Introducing Medical Anthropology: A Discipline in Action (2nd Ed.). Ch. 3 (77-115).

## Week 6 (FEB 15): Ethnomedicine (& Biomedicine)

Bastien, Joseph W.
1992 Drum and Stethoscope: Integrating Ethnomedicine and Biomedicine in Bolivia. Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press. Pp. 3-18.

Fabrega, Horacio. Jr.
1990 A Plea for a Broader Ethnomedicine. *Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry* 14:129-32.

Foster, George M.
1987 On the Origin of Humoral Medicine in Latin America. *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 1(4): 355-93.

Hinojosa, Servando
2011 Ritual Effigies and Corporeality in Kaqchikel Maya Soul Healing. *Ethnology* 50(1):79-94.

**Redfield, Peter**
**2013 Life in Crisis: The Ethical Journey of Doctors without Borders. Berkeley: U. California Press. Finish reading book.**

Lock, M. & V. Nguyen
2010 Anthropologies of Medicine. *IN* An Anthropology of Biomedicine. Wiley-Blackwell. Pp. 57-82.

Singer, M. & H. Baer
2012 Ethnomedicine. In Introducing Medical Anthropology: A Discipline in Action (2nd Ed.). Ch. 4 (117-142).

## Week 7 (FEB 22): Medicalization - Culture & Anthropology as Cultural Critique

Marcus, George E., and Michael M. J. Fischer
1999 *Anthropology as Cultural Critique: An Experimental Moment in the Human Sciences*. 2nd ed. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. (Introduction)

Lock, M. & V. Nguyen
2010 Local Biologies and Human Difference. In An Anthropology of Biomedicine. Wiley-Blackwell. Pp. 57-82.

## Week 8 (MAR 1): BIRTH

**FILM** *At Highest Risk* (2006, 42 mins.) Rebecca Rivas

**READINGS**

Borthwick, Jane
2006 At high risk: becoming a mother in the Peruvian Andes. The Lancet 368(9542):1145-1146. (Film Review).

Davis-Floyd, Robbie E. *Birth as an American Rite of Passage*. Berkeley: University of California, 1992, p.1-42, 154-240

Singh, Holly Donahue
2014 The World's Back Womb?": Commercial Surrogacy and Infertility Inequalities in India. American Anthropologist 116(4):824-828.

Singer, Merrill, Lani Davison, and Gina Gerdes. "Culture, Critical Theory, and Reproductive Illness Behavior in Haiti." *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 2, no. 4 (1988): 370-85.

Squiers, Carol. "W. Eugene Smith: Maude Callen, Nurse Midwife" In *The Body at Risk: Photography of Disorder, Illness, and Healing*, edited by Carol Squires, 72-93. Berkeley, Los Angeles & London: University of California Press; ICP, New York; Milbank Memorial Fund, New York, 2005.

Lock & Nguyen
2010 Kinship, Infertility and Assisted Reproduction. In An Anthropology of Biomedicine. Wiley-Blackwell. Pp. 254-280.

Price, Sara
2014 Professionalizing Midwifery: Exploring Medically Imagined Labor Rooms in Rural Rajasthan. Medical Anthropology Quarterly 28(4):519-536.

**SUGGESTED**

Davis-Floyd, Robbie E. "Obstetric Training as a Rite of Passage." *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 1, no. 3 (1987): 288-318.

## Week 9 (MAR 8): Global Health, Health Disparity & Health Inequity

Hicks, Kathryn
2014 A Biocultural Perspective on Fictive Kinship in the Andes: Social Support and Women's Immune Function in El Alto, Bolivia. Medical Anthropology Quarterly 28(3):440-458.

Messac, Luke, D. Ciccarone, J. Draine, P. Bourgois.
2013 The good-enough science-and-politics of anthropological collaboration with evidence-based clinical research: Four ethnographic case studies. Social Science & Medicine 99(0):176-186.

Nichter, Mark
2008 Introduction and Ch. 3 IN Global Health. Tucson: U. of Arizona Press. Pp. 1-21, 69-85

Pigg, Stacy Leigh
2013 On Sitting and Doing: Ethnography as Action in Global Health. Social Science and Medicine 99:127-134.

Singer, M. & H. Baer
2012 Health Disparity, Health Inequality. In Introducing Medical Anthropology: A Discipline in Action (2nd Ed.). Ch. 6 (175-205).

## Week 10 (MAR 15):The Environment

Singer, M. & H. Baer
2012 Health and the Environment: Toward a Healthier World. In Introducing Medical Anthropology: A Discipline in Action (2nd Ed.). Ch. 7 (207-240).

Reiter, Paul
2001 Climate Change and Mosquito-Borne Disease. Environmental Health Perspectives 109:141-161.

Coimbra, Carlos E. A., Jr.
1988 Human Settlements, Demographic Pattern, and Epidemiology in Lowland Amazonia: The Case of Chagas's Disease. American Anthropologist 90(1):82-97.

## Week 11 (MAR 22): Prisons and State Violence

Bosworth, Mary and D. Campbell, B. Demby, S. M. Ferranti, M. Santos
2005 Doing Prison Research: Views from Inside. Qualitative Inquiry 11(2):249-264.

Cunha, Manuela
2014 The Ethnography of Prisons and Penal Confinement. Annual Review of Anthropology 43:217-33.

Jenkins, Janis H.
1998 The Medical Anthropology of Political Violence: A Cultural and Feminist Agenda. Medical Anthropology Quarterly 12(1):122-131.

Lockhart, Chris
2008 The Life and Death of a Street Boy in East Africa: Everyday Violence in the Time of AIDS. Medical Anthropology Quarterly 22(1):94-115.

**Penglase, R. Ben**
**2014 Living with Insecurity in a Brazilian Favela: Urban Violence and Daily Life. New Brunswick: Rutgers Univ. Press.**

Phillips, Coretta and Rod Earle
2010 Reading Difference Differently?: Identity, Epistemology and Prison Ethnography. British Journal of Criminology 50: 360-378.

Rhodes, Lorna A.
2001 Toward an Anthropology of Prisons. Ann. Rev. Anthropol. 30:65-83.

**SUGGESTED**
Penglase, Ben R.
2009 States of Insecurity: Everyday Emergencies, Public Secrets, and Drug Trafficker Power in a Brazilian Favela. PoLAR 32(1):47-63.

2010 The Owner of the Hill: Masculinity and Drug-trafficking in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. J. Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology 15(2):317-337.

**Week 12 (MAR 29): Physical Therapy / Circumcision (male/female)**

Boyle, Gregory and George Hill
2011 Sub-Saharan African randomized clinical trials into male circumcision and HIV transmission: Methodological, ethical and legal concerns. J. Law & Medicine 19:316-334.

Castro-Vázquez, Genaro
2013 Gender, Pride and Medical Circumcision in Contemporary Japan. Culture, Health ans Sexuality 15(1):101-113.

Johnson, Helen; D. Flores, M. Egan, et al.
2013 Hip-fracture Care in Rural Southwestern Ontario: An Ethnographic Study of Patient Transitions and Physiotherapy Handoffs. Physiotherapy Canada 65(3):266-275.

Khumalo-Sakutukwa, Gertrude, T. Lane, H. van-Rooyen, et al.
2013 Understanding and addressing socio-cultural barriers to medical make circumcision in traditionally non-circumcising rural communities in sub-Saharan Africa. Culture-Health and Sexuality 15(9):1085-1100.

Masley, P. M., H. Carey-Leah, M. R. Mahnensmith, et al.
2011 Physical Therapist Practice in the Acute Care Setting: A Qualitative Study. Physical Therapy 91:906-919.

Potter, M., S. Gordon and P. Hamer
2003 The Physiotherapy Experience in Private Practice: The Patient's Perspective. Australian Journal of Physiotherapy 49:195-202.

Shepard, K. F., G. M. Jensen, et al.
1993 Alternative Approaches to Research in Physical Therapy: Positivism and Phenomenology. Physical Therapy 73:88-97.

Silverman, Eric K.
2004 Anthropology and Circumcision. Ann. Rev. Anthropol. 33:419-45.

Thompson, Di
2008 An Ethnographic Study of the Physiotherapist's Perceptions of their Interactions with Patients on a Chronic Pain Unit. Physiotherapy Theory and Practice 24(6):408-422.

Van Howe, Robert S., M. R. Storms
2011 How the circumcision solution in Africa will increase HIV infections. Jol. Of Public Health in Africa 2:e4: 11-16.

Vincent, Louise
2008 'Boys will be boys': traditional Xhosa male circumcision, HIV and sexual socialization in contemporary South Africa. Culture, Health and Sexuality 10(5):431-446.

Weiss, Helen A., M. A. Quigley & R. J. Hayes
2000 Male circumcision and risk of HIV infection in sub-Saharan Africa: A systematic review and meta-analysis. AIDS 14: 2361 - 2370.

## Week 13 (APR 5): Representations of Suffering and Media

Bourgois, Philipe & Jeff Schonberg
2009 Riteous Dopefiend. Berkeley: Univ. California Press.

Cohen, Lawrence
2003 Where it Hurts: Indian Material for An Ethics of Organ Transplantation. Zygon® 38(3): 663–688.

Das, Veena
2000 The Act of Witnessing: Violence, Poisonous Knowledge, and Subjectivity. In Violence and subjectivity, V. Das, A. Kleinman et. al. (eds.), Berkeley: University of California Press.

Farmer, Paul
2005 "Bearing Witness," "On suffering and structural violence: Social and economic rights in the global era," *Pathologies of power: Health, human rights, and the new war on the poor,* Berkeley: UC Press. Pp. 25-50.

Fassin, D.
2010 Humanitarianism as a Politics of Life. (In the Reader: Page 452)

Squiers, Carol
2005 Sebastião Salgado: The End of Polio. IN The Body at Risk: Photography of Disorder, Illness, and Healing, Carol Squiers (ed.), 210-33. Berkeley, Los Angeles, London: University of California Press.

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Benjamin, Walter
1936 The work of art in the age of mechanical reproduction. IN *Illuminations: Essays and reflections*, pp.1-22.

Briggs, Charles
http://www.againstthegrain.org/program/183/id/191420/mon-5-04-09-politics-flu
http://anthropology.berkeley.edu/briggs/healthandmediaweb/news/H1N1.pdf

Briggs, Charles L. & Clara Mantini-Briggs
2003 Stories in the time of cholera: Racial profiling during a medical nightmare, Berkeley: UC Press, Selections.

Kleinman, A. and Joan Kleinman
1997 The appeal of experience; The dismay of images: Cultural appropriations of suffering in our times. IN Social suffering by Arthur Kleinman, Veena Das and Margaret Lock (eds.), Berkeley: UC Press, Pp.1-24.

Martin, Emily
1994 The body at War: Media views of the immune system. IN Flexible bodies: The role of immunity in American culture from the days of polio to the age of AIDS. Boston: Beacon Press, Pp.49-62

Throop, C. Jason
2010 Suffering and Sentiment: Exploring the Vicissitudes of Experience and Pain in Yap. Berkeley: University of California Press. pp: xv-39

Scarry, Elaine
1985 The body in pain: The making and unmaking of the world. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

## Week 14 (APR 12): Death & Dying

**FILM** *A Japanese Funeral* (2010, 11 mins.) Karen Nakamura


Chapple, Helen S.
2002 Could She Be Dying? Dis-Orders of Reality around Death in an American Hospital. Anthropology and Humanism 27(2):165-184.

Du, Shanshan
2012 Epidemic Suicide in a Lahu Community: Converging Qualitative and Quantitative Methods. Ethnology 51(2):111-128.

Hay, Chris
2014 V-Effekt: Death, Mortality, and the Melbourne International Arts Festival. Anthropology and Humanism 39(2):174-183.

Long, Susan Orpett
2001 Negotiating the "good death": Japanese Ambivalence about new ways to Die. Ethnology 40(4):271-290.

Nourse, Jennifer Williams
1996 Casting out the Foreigners: Interpretation of a Curing Rite in Central Sulawesi, Indonesia. Anthropology and Humanism 21(1):41-54.

Sion, Brigitte
2014 Conflicting Sites of Memory in Post-Genocide Cambodia. IN Death Tourism: Disaster Sites as Recreational Landscape. B. Sion, ed. Seagul: London & New York. Pp. 97-120.

Stewart, Pamela J., and Andrew Strathern
1999 Death on the Move: Landscape and Violence on the Highlands Highway, Papua New Guinea. Anthropology and Humanism 24(1):20-31.

## Week 15 (APR 19): Transplants

Lock, Margaret.
2002 "Boundary Transgressions and Moral Uncertainty" in Twice Dead: Organ Transplants and the Reinvention of Death, 32-56

Lock M. & V. Nguyen
2010 The Social Life of Organs. In An Anthropology of Biomedicine. Wiley-Blackwell. Pp. 229-253.

Sanal, Aslihan.
2011 New Organs Within Us: Transplants and the Moral Economy. *selections*.

Scheper-Hughes, Nancy.
2008 The Last Commodity: Post-Human Ethics and the Global Traffic in 'Fresh' Organs In Global Assemblages: Technology, Politics, and Ethics as Anthropological Problems, Aihwa Ong & Stephen Collier, eds.

Sharp, Lesley.
2007 "Managing the clinically dead in America" in Bodies, Commodities, & Biotechnologies: Death, Mourning & Scientific Desire in the Realm of Organ Transfer. Pp17-45

Waldby, Catherine & Robert Mitchell.
2006 "Real Time Demand" in Tissue Economies: Blood, Organs, and Cell-Lines in Late Capitalism. Pp160-180

## WEEK 16 (APR 26): Contemporary dilemmas (presentations)

In reality, if medicine is the science of the healthy as well as the ill human being (which is what it ought to be), what other science is better suited to propose laws as the basis of the social structure, in order to make effective those which are inherent in man himself? Once medicine is established as anthropology, and once the interests of the privileged no longer determine the course of public events, the physiologist and the practitioner will be counted among the elder statesmen who support the social structure. Medicine is a social science in its very bone and marrow . . .

Rudolph Virchow, *Die Einheitsbestrebungen*, 1849

I should perhaps briefly state the reasons that have progressively led me – a microbiologist not trained in medicine—to explore some of the biological and social implications of man's response to his total environment. My concern with such problems emerged from an increasing awareness of the fact that the prevalence and severity of microbial diseases are conditioned more by the ways of life of the persons afflicted than by the virulence and other properties of the etiological agents. Hence the need to learn more of man and of his societies in order to try to make sense of the patterns of his diseases.

René Dubos, *Man Adapting*, 1965

If we must know more in order to live in a changed world, if we must know more so we can act with clear reason rather than with prejudice, with humanity rather than with inhumanity, with wisdom rather than with folly, all of us must undertake the task of understanding in order to learn and of learning in order to understand.

Eric Wolf, Anthropologist

During the last 150 years, the Western world has virtually eliminated death due to infectious disease.

John Cairns, prominent biologist
*Cancer, Science and Society*, 1975

It is much more important to know what kind of person has a disease, than what kind of disease a person has.

Sir William Osler

The causes of many diseases are a complex interplay of multiple factors, many of which are due to social injustice.

Barry Levy & Victor Sidel, 2006