

**MEDICINE AND SOCIETY 2007-2008**  
**COURSE SCHEDULE, SESSIONS, AND READINGS**

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A course syllabus is provided online at:

[http://curriculum.med.unc.edu/ms1/medisoc/course\\_day\\_view](http://curriculum.med.unc.edu/ms1/medisoc/course_day_view)

Readings that are in the required three volume text *The Social Medicine Reader (SMR)* are so indicated. You will be linked to some readings via the electronic syllabus.

Individual seminar instructors may vary in their selections of readings from among these below.

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*All seminars are scheduled from 10:30am until 11:50am unless noted*

Session 1: August 15, 2007

Lecture: Barry Saunders, MD, PhD

Sue Estroff, PhD

G202 Medical Biomolecular Research Building

10:30 – 11:00 am

Seminar: Assigned Seminar Rooms 11:00 – 11:50 am

**INTRODUCTION TO THE COURSE**  
**EXPECTATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS**

Session 2: August 22, 2007 Seminar

**EXPERIENCING ILLNESS**

Readings:

1. Cassell, Eric, "The Nature of Suffering and The Goals of Medicine," in *Vol. I, SMR (The Social Medicine Reader: Volume One – Patients, Doctors, and Illness)*, pp. 7-20.
2. Frank, Arthur, "The Cost of Appearances," in *Vol. I, SMR*, pp. 26-31.
3. Dickey, James, "Diabetes," in *Vol. I, SMR*, pp. 22-25.

**PERSONAL ILLNESS NARRATIVE ASSIGNED**

## **CULTURAL DIMENSIONS OF ILLNESS AND HEALTH**

### Readings:

1. Estroff, Sue and Gail Henderson, "Social and Cultural Contributions to Health and Illness," *Vol. II, SMR (The Social Medicine Reader: Volume Two – Social and Cultural Contributions to Health, Difference, and Inequality)*, pp. 4-14.
2. Mathews, Holly, Donald Lannin, and James Mitchell, "Coming to Terms with Advanced Breast Cancer: Black Women's Narratives from Eastern North Carolina," in *Vol. II, SMR*, pp. 137-63.
3. Hunt, Linda, "Beyond Cultural Competence: Applying Humility to Clinical Settings," in *Vol. II, SMR*, pp. 133-36.

### **HOME VISIT ASSIGNED**

### Reading:

- Shapiro, Daniel, "Perspective Shift," in *Vol. I, SMR*, pp. 143-44.

## **FAMILIES AND ILLNESS**

### Readings:

1. Bloom, Amy, "Silver Water," in *Vol. I, SMR*, pp. 71-79.
2. Mason, Bobbie Ann, *Spence + Lila* [excerpts], in *Vol. I, SMR*, pp. 60-70.
3. Levine, Carol, "The Loneliness of the Long-Term Care Giver," in *Vol. I, SMR*, pp. 299-306.
4. Orenstein, Peggy, "Your Gamete, Myself," *The New York Times Magazine*, July 15, 2007.

**RACE, ETHNICITY AND THE BIOCULTURAL**

Readings:

1. Bhopal, Raj, and Liam Donaldson, "White, European, Western, Caucasian, or What? Inappropriate Labeling in Research on Race, Ethnicity, and Health," in *Vol. II, SMR*, pp. 252-62.
2. Agyemang, Charles, et al., "Negro, Black, Black African, African Caribbean, African American or What? Labelling African Origin Populations in the Health Arena in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century," *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health* 2005, vol. 59, pp. 1014-18.  
<http://jech.bmj.com/cgi/reprint/59/12/1014>
3. Aspinall, Peter, "Who Is Asian? A Category that Remains Contested in Population and Health Research," *Journal of Public Health Medicine* 2003, vol. 25, no. 2, pp. 91-97.  
<http://jpubhealth.oxfordjournals.org/cgi/reprint/25/2/91>
4. Montoya, Michael, "Bioethnic Conscription: Genes, Race, and Mexicana/o Ethnicity in Diabetes Research" [excerpt], *Cultural Anthropology* Vol. 22, Issue 1 (2007), 94-102.  
<http://www.anthrosource.net/doi/pdfplus/10.1525/can.2007.22.1.94>
5. Smedley, Brian, Adrienne Stith, and Alan Nelson, "Unequal Treatment: What Healthcare Providers Need Know About Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Healthcare," in *Vol. II, SMR*, pp. 123-32.

**PERSONAL ILLNESS NARRATIVE DUE**

**UNEQUAL EPIDEMIC IN AN UNEQUAL WORLD: THE CASE OF HIV/AIDS**

Readings:

1. Farmer, Paul, "Introduction" to *Infections and Inequalities: The Modern Plagues*, in *Vol. II, SMR*, pp.105-22.
2. Rennie, Stuart and Reieda Behets, "AIDS Care and Treatment in Sub-Saharan Africa: Implementation Ethics," *Hastings Center Report* 2006, vol. 36, no. 3, pp. 23-31.  
[http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/hastings\\_center\\_report/v036/36.3rennie.pdf](http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/hastings_center_report/v036/36.3rennie.pdf)

Session 7: October 17, 2007

Seminar

## **GENDER**

Readings:

1. Groopman, Jerome, "Hormones for Men," in *Vol. II, SMR*, pp.191-201.
2. Lorber, Judith, "Women Get Sicker, But Men Die Quicker," in *Vol. II, SMR*, pp 164-90.
3. Fausto-Sterling, Anne "The Five Sexes Revisited," in *Vol. II, SMR*, pp. 202-10.

Session 8: October 24, 2007

Seminar

## **DEATH AND CULTURE**

Readings:

1. Amichai, Yehuda, "A Man in His Life," in *Vol. I, SMR*, pp. 230-31.
2. Amichai, Yehuda, "Try to Remember Some Details," in *Vol. I, SMR*, pp. 288-89.
3. Lock, Margaret, "The Body Transcendent," chapter 12 of *Twice Dead: Organ Transplants and the Reinvention of Death* (Berkeley: Univ. of California Press, 2002), pp. 291-309.
4. Treadway, Katharine, "The Code," *New England Journal of Medicine* 2007, vol. 357, no. 13, pp. 1273-75. <http://content.nejm.org/cgi/reprint/357/13/1273.pdf>  
and Comments: <http://www.nejm.org/perspective%2Dforum/the%2Dcode/#d09-26-2007>

Session 9: October 31, 2007

Seminar

## **SACRED PRACTICES AND HEALTH**

Readings:

1. Porter, Roy, "Religion and Medicine" [excerpts], *Companion Encyclopedia of the History of Medicine*, edited by W. F. Bynum and Roy Porter, vol. 2 (London: Routledge, 1993), pp. 1449-68 [only 1449-56 and 1463-65 assigned].
2. Ameenuddin, Nusheen, "Necessary Accessories," *What I Learned in Medical School: Personal Stories of Young Doctors*, edited by K.M. Takakuwa (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2004), pp. 63-69.

3. Curlin, Farr and Daniel Hall, "Strangers or Friends? A Proposal for a New Spirituality-in-Medicine Ethic," *Journal of General Internal Medicine*, vol. 20, no. 4 (2005), pp. 370-74.  
<http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/libproxy.lib.unc.edu/picrender.fcgi?artid=1490093&blobtype=pdf>

Session 10: November 7, 2007      Seminar

**CLASSIFICATION: LABELING, DIAGNOSING, MEDICALIZING**

Readings:

1. Patrick, Donald and Sue Estroff, "Medicalization, Labeling and Stigma."
2. Bowker, Geoffrey and Susan Leigh Star, "Introduction: To Classify Is Human" [excerpts], *Sorting Things Out: Classification and Its Consequences* (Cambridge: MIT Press, 1999), pp. 1-3, 11-15.
3. Rapp, Rayna, "Extra Chromosomes and Blue Tulips: Medico-Familial Interpretations," in *Vol. II, SMR*, pp. 50-69.
4. Rose, Nikolas, "Beyond Medicalisation," *Lancet* 2007, vol. 369, pp. 700-02.

Session 11: November 14, 2007      Seminar

**CHRONIC ILLNESS, DIFFERENCE, DISABILITIES, STIGMA**

Readings:

1. Mairs, Nancy, "On Being a Cripple," in *Vol. II, SMR*, pp. 70-81.
2. Pernick, Martin, "Defining the Defective," in *Vol. II, SMR*, pp. 29-49.
3. Weaver, Gordon, "Finch the Spastic Speaks," in *Vol. II, SMR*, pp. 89-104.

**Other readings TBA (See Syllabus Resources)**

Session 12: November 28, 2007      Seminar

## **CULTURES OF BIOMEDICINE I: EVIDENCE AND WAYS OF KNOWING**

Readings:

1. Porter, Theodore. "Medical Quantification: Science, Regulation, and the State," in *Body Counts: Medical Quantification in Historical and Sociological Perspectives*, edited by Gerard Jorland, Annick Opinel, and George Weisz (Montreal: McGill-Queens University Press, 2005), pp 394-401.
2. Montgomery, Kathryn. "Clinical Rationality" [excerpt], *How Doctors Think: Clinical Judgment and the Practice of Medicine* (Oxford University Press, 2006), 37-41.
2. Blume, Stuart. "The Politics of Endpoints [excerpt]," in *Devices and Designs: Medical Technologies in Historical Perspective*, edited by Carsten Timmermann and Julie Anderson (Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2006), pp. 249-54.
3. Calvino, Italo, *Invisible Cities* [excerpts], translated by William Weaver (New York: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1974), pp. 5-6, 13-14, 21-23.
4. Sontag, Susan, *On Photography* [excerpts], (New York: Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, 1977), pp. 3-7.

Session 13: December 5, 2007      Seminar

## **CULTURES OF BIOMEDICINE II; CLINICAL LEARNING**

Readings:

1. Basson, Marc D., Gerald Dworkin, and Eric Cassell, "Case Study: The 'Student Doctor' and a Wary Patient," in *Vol. I, SMR*, pp. 121-26.
2. Dwyer, James, "*Primum non tacere*: An Ethics of Speaking Up," in *Vol. I, SMR*, pp. 130-42.
3. Konner, Melvin, "Basic Clinical Skills," in *Vol. I, SMR*, pp. 89-101.
4. Gawande, Atul, "The Learning Curve," in *Vol. I, SMR*, pp. 102-20.
5. Groopman, Jerome, "A Great Case," *New England Journal of Medicine* 2004, vol. 351, no. 20, pp. 2043-45. <http://content.nejm.org/cgi/content/full/351/20/2043>

**HOME VISIT ESSAY DUE**

Session 14: January 2, 2008 Seminar

**BOUNDARIES: POLITICS, MARKETS, AND MISSIONS OF MEDICINE**

Reading:

Gruen, Russell, Steven Pearson, and Troyen Brennan, "Physician-Citizens-Public Roles and Professional Obligations," *JAMA* 2007, vol. 291, no. 1, pp. 94-98.

**See Cases online in Course Resources**

Session 15: January 9, 2008 Seminar

**MEDICAL ETHICS**

Readings:

1. Churchill, Larry R., Nancy M.P. King, and David Schenck, "Ethics in Medicine: An Introduction to Moral Tools and Traditions," in *Vol. I, SMR*, pp. 169-85.
2. King, Nancy, "Glossary of Basic Ethical Concepts in Health Care and Research" in *Vol. I, SMR*, pp. 161-68.
3. Selected Codes of Ethics, in *Vol. I, SMR*, pp. 186-90.

Session 16: January 16, 2008 Seminar

**TRUTHTELLING AND CONSENT**

Readings:

1. Grouse, Lawrence, "The Lie," in *Vol. I, SMR*, pp. 205-07.
2. Annas, George, "Informed Consent, Cancer, and Truth in Prognosis," in *Vol. I, SMR*, pp. 208-15.
3. Hilfiker, David, "Facing our Mistakes," *Vol. I, SMR*, pp. 145-53.

**ETHICS ESSAY ASSIGNED**

Session 17: January 23, 2008      Seminar

**PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY**

Readings:

1. Fleck, Leonard, and Marcia Angell, "Case Studies: Please Don't Tell!," in *Vol. I, SMR*, pp. 191-95.
2. Klass, Perri, "Invasions," in *Vol. I, SMR*, pp. 196-200.

Session 18: January 30, 2008      Lecture/Debate:

**PARENTS, INFANT, DOCTORS: ETHICS AT THE BEGINNING OF LIFE**

Reading:

Robertson, John, "Extreme Prematurity and Parental Rights After Baby Doe," *Hastings Center Report* 2004, July-August, pp. 32-39.

Session 19: February 6, 2008      Seminar

**RESEARCH ETHICS: BOUNDARIES OF MEDICAL PROGRESS**

Readings:

1. National Commission for the Protection of Human Subjects of Biomedical and Behavioral Research, *The Belmont Report* (U.S. Government Printing Office, 1978). <http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/humansubjects/guidance/belmont.htm>
2. Brandt, Allan, "Racism and Research: The Case of the Tuskegee Syphilis Study," *Hastings Center Report* 1978, vol. 8, pp. 21-29.

### **DEATH MANGEMENT IN CONTEMPORARY AMERICA**

Readings:

1. Churchill, Larry and Nancy King, "End of Life Ethics: Some Common Definitions," in *Vol. I, SMR*, pp. 232-34.
2. Miles, Steven, "Informed Demand for 'Non-Beneficial' Medical Treatment," in *Vol. I, SMR*, pp. 235-40.
3. Angell, Marcia, "The Case of Helga Wanglie: A New King of 'Right to Die' Case," in *Vol. I, SMR*, pp.242-45.
4. Quill, Timothy, "Terri Schiavo—A Tragedy Compounded," *New England Journal of Medicine* 2005, vol. 352, pp. 1630-33.  
<http://content.nejm.org/cgi/content/full/352/16/1630>
5. Quill, Timothy, "Death and Dignity: A Case of Individualized Decision Making," and Correspondence, in *Vol. I, SMR*, pp. 256-62, and 263-72.
6. Quill, Timothy, "Doctor, I Want to Die. Will You Help Me?" in *Vol. I, SMR*, pp. 273-85.

### **RESOURCE CHOICES: RATIONING AND THE PHYSICIAN'S ROLE**

Readings:

1. Parrish, Geov, "Defending My Life," June 6, 2001, *Seattle Weekly*, in *The Social Medicine Reader: Volume Three – Health Policy, Markets, and Medicine*, pp. 119-27.
2. Rescher, Nicholas, "The Allocation of Exotic Medical Lifesaving Therapy," *Ethics* 1969, Vol. 79, no. 3., pp. 173-86.
3. Thompson, A.K. et al., "Pandemic Influenza Preparedness: An Ethical Framework to Guide Decision-Making," *BMC Medical Ethics* 2006, vol. 7, no. 12.
4. North Carolina Institute of Medicine, "Stockpiling Solutions: North Carolina's Ethical Guidelines for an Influenza Pandemic," April 2007.
5. Zimmerman, R.K., "Rationing of Influenza Vaccine during a Pandemic: Ethical Analyses," *Vaccine* 2007, vol. 25, pp. 2019-26.

**PRACTICE OBSERVATION EXERCISE INTRODUCED**

Session 22: February 27, 2008      Seminar

**HEALTH INSURANCE IN AMERICA: A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE**

Reading:

Madison, Donald, "From Bismarck to Medicare-A Brief History of Medical Care Payment in America," in *Vol. III, SMR*, pp. 31-66.

**HEALTH CARE REFORM EXERCISE INTRODUCED**

**ETHICS ESSAY DUE**

Session 23: March 26, 2008      Lecture: Jonathan Oberlander, PhD

**HEALTH CARE REFORM AND THE UNINSURED**

Reading:

Reinhardt, Uwe, "Reforming the Health Care System: The Universal Dilemma," in *Vol. III, SMR*, pp. 179-98.

Session 24: April 2, 2008      Seminar\*

*\*Assigned rooms for each role will be posted on the Medicine and Society Forum.*

**HEALTH CARE REFORM EXERCISE: ROLE CAUCUSES**

Readings:

Role readings and briefing materials online

April 7, 2008      **PRACTICE OBSERVATION INFORMATION DUE**

Session 25: April 9, 2008      Seminar **\*9:30 – 11:50am**

**HEALTH CARE REFORM EXERCISE**

**ROLE BRIEFING DUE**

Session 26: April 16, 2008

Seminar

**ISSUES IN COMMUNITY PRACTICE AND THE HEALTH CARE MARKET**

**And COURSE EVALUATION**

Readings:

1. Stone, Deborah, "Bedside Manna," in *Vol. III, SMR*, pp. 95-106.
2. Brennan, Troy, "Luxury Primary care—Market Innovation or Threat to Access," and Correspondence, in *Vol. III, SMR*, pp. 255-59.