History of Public Health (HILD 30)
Spring Quarter 2017
MWF 10-10:50, PCYNH 106
Instructor: Wendy Gonaver

Email: wgonaver@ucsd.edu
Office: HSS 4037, History Department (4th floor)
Office hours: Wednesdays 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. or by appointment

Course description: HILD 30 explores the history of public health, from the plague hospitals of Renaissance Italy to the current and future prospects for global health initiatives, emphasizing the complex biological, cultural, and social dimensions of health, sickness, and medicine across time and space.

Requirements
Participation (40%). Attendance and participation in discussions and learning activities at both lecture and section are mandatory (10%), as is turning in weekly written homework assignments (30%). These assignments, graded P/F, are designed to prepare you for class discussions and the mid-term and final papers. Assignment details will be given in class each week, usually on Wednesdays.

Mid-term paper (25%). A paper (1,250-1,750 words) due on 5/5. Turn in a hard copy in class that day, and submit an electronic copy to turnitin.com by 5 p.m. The prompt and grading rubric will be given on 4/21.

Final paper (35%). A paper (1,250-1,750 words) due on 6/15. Submit an electronic copy to turnitin.com by 5 p.m. The final paper will rely heavily upon the required book. A more specific prompt and grading rubric will be given on 5/31.

Opportunities to earn extra credit might be announced during lecture. There is no individualized extra credit.

Late work will not be accepted except, of course, in the case of medical or family emergency or religious observance. If you cannot meet a deadline for any of the aforementioned reasons, please contact me by email as soon as possible so that we can determine an alternative due date.

Finally, please observe the usual rules regarding academic honesty, respectful communication, and the use of cellphones and other internet-capable devices during class.


All other readings will be available on the TED course site.
**Schedule of readings & topics**

**Week 1  Topics in public health**

M (4/3): overview of course and review of syllabus  
W (4/5): Lecture: The Health Transition and Health Disparities  

**Week 2  Epidemics in antiquity through the early modern era**

M (4/10): Lecture: Quarantine and Borders  
F (4/14): No class

**Week 3  Colonial medicine in the 17th and 18th centuries**

W (4/19): Lecture & primary source exercise: Yellow Fever and Small Pox  

**Week 4  Rise of the modern state in the 19th century**

M (4/24): Lecture: State Institutions  
W (4/26): Lecture & primary source exercise: Cholera  

**Week 5  “Tropical medicine” in the late 19th and early 20th centuries**

M (5/1): Lecture: Germ Theory and Sanitation  
F (5/5): Midterm paper due! Submit electronic copy to turnitin.com & bring hard copy to class. Lecture & activity: Pandemic

**Week 6  Progressivism, World Wars & universalism**

M (5/8): Lecture: Occupational Hazards  
Week 7  Decolonization

M (5/15): Lecture: The Wretched of the Earth
W (5/17): Lecture & primary source exercise: Alma Ata Declaration

Week 8  Activism and epidemics

M (5/22): Lecture & activity: Post-colonial Humanitarian Intervention and Assistance

Week 9  Neoliberalism

M (5/29): No class
W (5/31): Lecture: Community Health Workers

Week 10  The future of global health

M (6/5): Lecture: Security
W (6/7): Lecture: Pain
F (6/9): Chapters 7-12 of *Blue Marble Health*

Final paper due on 6/15 by 5 p.m. to turnitin.com.