

Ethnic Studies 262: Race, Health and Inequality

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Course Objectives: This is a course designed to understand how race structures inequality in the fields of public health and medicine. In addition, we will explore how public health and medicine are “race-making” institutions. As such, this course is the study of race and ethnicity through the prism of health and medicine. Through this study, we hope to see two things. How it is that race is a socially constructed concept and how it is that structural inequality is institutionalized along the lines of race and ethnicity in the fields of public health and medicine.

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Books:

Nayan Shah. *Contagious Divides: Epidemics and Race in San Francisco's Chinatown*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2001.

Alexandra Stern. *Eugenic Nation: Faults and Frontiers of Better Breeding in Modern America*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2005.

Laura Briggs. *Reproducing Empire: Race, Sex, Science, and U.S. Imperialism in Puerto Rico*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2002.

Catherine Ceniza Choy, *Empire of Care: Nursing and Migration in Filipino American History*. Durham, N. C. Duke University Press, 2003

Charles Briggs and Clara Mantini-Briggs. *Stories in the Time of Cholera: Racial Profiling During a Medical Nightmare*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2003.

Articles: All articles are available on e-reserves through the library
<http://reserves.ucsd.edu/eres/default.aspx>

Assignments:

Leading class discussions- Students will take turns leading class discussion. You may do this alone or pair up with someone. The goal is to identify the most important concepts in the readings and create a discussion around them. You are also encouraged to bring in outside materials to illustrate the points/concepts we are

discussing. If there is no one to lead discussion, each student will submit 4 questions/comments via e-mail to by 8 pm on Monday.

Thought Papers- Each student will submit 5 1-2 page thought papers throughout the course of the quarter (you choose which weeks.) The point of the thought papers is to give you a chance to reflect on the readings and “think out on paper” your responses to the readings and discussions.

Final Paper- The final paper will be 10-12 pages in length. You may turn in a comparative book review for a specified journal of your choice. You will need to include why you chose this journal and an explanation of how you tailored your review for it. Or, you may expand on themes explored in the class as they relate to your research interests.

Week 1, September 27: Introduction

Jonathan Marks, “Scientific and Folk Ideas about Heredity,” in *The Human Genome Project and Minority Communities: Ethical, Social and Political Dilemmas*, Raymond A. Zilinskas and Peter J. Balint, editors (Westport, CT: Greenwood), pp. 53-66.

Fatimah Jackson, “The Human Genome Project and the African American Community: Race, Diversity, and American Science,” in *The Human Genome Project and Minority Communities: Ethical, Social and Political Dilemmas*, Raymond A. Zilinskas and Peter J. Balint, editors (Westport, CT: Greenwood).

David Williams, “Race and Health: Basic Questions, Emerging Directions,” *Annals of Epidemiology* Volume 7, Issue 5, July 1997, 322-333.

Week 2, October 4: The Making of the Citizen-Subject

Guest: Professor Nayan Shah, History Department

Nayan Shah. *Contagious Divides: Epidemics and Race in San Francisco's Chinatown*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2001.

-Introduction, Chapters 1-4, 7, and Conclusion

David Armstrong, “Public Health Spaces and the Fabrication of Identity” *Sociology* 27 (1993), pp. 393-410

Week 3, October 11: Is Race Real?

Michael Omi and Howard Winant. *Racial Formation in the United States from the 1960s to the 1980s*. New York: Routledge, 1986. Chapter 4, 53-76 (notes, 180-189)

The following articles can be found at this website <http://raceandgenomics.ssrc.org/>

Armand Marie Leroi, "A Family Tree in Every Gene," March 14, 2005, *The New York Times*, p. A23.

Troy Duster, "Race and Reification in Science"

Alan Goodman, "Two Questions About Race"

Evelynn M. Hammonds, "Straw Men and Their Followers"

Jenny Reardon, Brady Dunklee, and Kara Wentworth, "Race and Crisis"

Assignment: Write a letter to the editor in response to Leroi's article. Feel free to make use of any of the readings for this week in your response.

Week 4, October 18: Normalizing Eugenics

Alexandra Stern, *Eugenic Nation: Faults and Frontiers of Better Breeding in Modern America*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2005

-Introduction, Chapters 1-3, and Epilogue

Dorothy Roberts, "Who May Give Birth to Citizens: Reproduction, Eugenics and the Nation," in *Immigrants Out: The New Nativism and the Anti-Immigrant Impulse in the United States*, edited by Juan Perea, 205-19. New York and London: New York University Press, 1997.

Week 5, October 25: Visual Culture and Science

Guest: Professor Lisa Cartwright, Communication Department

Lisa Cartwright, "Introduction" & "Chapter 6: Women and the Public Culture of Radiography," in *Screening the Body: Tracing Medicine's Visual Culture* (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1995)(xi-xvii, 143-170 & notes, 185-188).

Paula Treichler, Lisa Cartwright, and Constance Penley, editors, *The Visible Woman: Imaging Technologies, Gender, and Science*, Introduction and Chapter 7, "Mothers and Authors."

Judith Halberstam and Ira Livingston's "Introduction: Posthuman Bodies," *Posthuman Bodies*, eds. Judith Halberstam and Ira Livingston (Bloomington: Indiana U. Press, 1995), 1-19.

Week 6, November 1: Race, Sexuality, Medicine, and Imperialism

Laura Briggs. *Reproducing Empire: Race, Sex, Science, and U.S. Imperialism in Puerto Rico*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2002.

-Introduction, Chapters 3-6, and Epilogue

Lisa Sun-Hee Park. "Perpetuation of Poverty through Public Charge." *Denver University Law Review* 78 (2001): 1161-77.

Kenneth Neubeck and Noel Cazenave. *Welfare Racism: Playing the Race Card against America's Poor*. New York: Routledge, 2001, Chapter Six, 145-176, and notes (265-270).

Week 7, November 8 Colonialism and Health Care

Catherine Ceniza Choy, *Empire of Care: Nursing and Migration in Filipino American History*. Durham, N. C. Duke University Press, 2003.

Shula Marks, "What is Colonial about Colonial Medicine? And What Has Happened to Imperialism and Health?" *Society for the Social History of Medicine* 10.2 (1997): 205-219.

Week 8: November 15: Social Issues through a Public Health Prism

Guest: Professor Steve Epstein, Sociology Department

Richard Parker, "Sexuality, Culture, and Power in HIV/AIDS Research" *Annual Review of Anthropology* 2001 30:163-79.

Rafael Diaz, George Ayala, Edward Bein, D. Edward, Jeff Henne, Barbara Marin, "The Impact on Homophobia, Poverty, and Racism on the Mental Health of Gay and Bisexual Latino Men: Findings from 3 US Cities," *American Journal of Public Health*, Jun2001, Vol. 91 Issue 6, 927, 6p.

Héctor Carillo, "Sexual Migration, Cross-Cultural Sexual Encounters, and Sexual Health." *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*, September 2004, Volume 1, No. 3, 58 (13 pages).

Steve Epstein, "Sexualizing Governance and Medicalizing Identities" The Emergence of 'State-Centered LGBT Health Politics in the United States,' *Sexualities* Volume 3 (2) 131-171.

Steve Epstein, "Bodily Differences and Collective Identities: The Politics of Gender and Race in Biomedical Research in the United States," *Body and Society* Volume 10 (2-3), 183-203.

Week 9, November 22: Modern Medicine, Race, and the Body

Guest: Professor David Serlin, Communication Department

Eugenia Kaw, "Medicalization of Racial Features: Asian American Women and Cosmetic Surgery," *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 7:1 (March 1993), 74-89.

Kathy Davis, "Surgical Passing, or Why Michael Jackson's Nose Makes 'Us' Uneasy," *Feminist Theory* 4:1 (2003), 73-92.

Sara Goering, "Conformity Through Cosmetic Surgery: The Medical Erasure of Race and Disability," in Robert Figueroa and Sandra Harding, eds., *Science and Other Cultures: Issues in Philosophies of Science and Technology* (Routledge, 2003), 172-188.

David Serlin, "Reconstructing the Hiroshima Maidens," in Serlin, *Replaceable You: Engineering the Body in Postwar America* (University of Chicago Press, 2004).

Adrienne Asch, "Critical Race Theory, Feminism, and Disability: Reflections on Social Justice and Personal Identity," *Ohio State Law Journal* 62: 1 (2001), 391-423.

Week 10: November 29: Understanding Epidemics through a Cultural Lens

Charles L. Briggs with Clara Mantini-Briggs, *Stories in the Time of Cholera: Racial Profiling during a Medical Nightmare*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2003

Introduction, Chapters 1-5 & 9-13

Charles Rosenberg, *Explaining Epidemics and Other Studies in the History of Medicine* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1992) Chapter 14, "What is an Epidemic?" and Chapter 15, "Framing Disease," (and notes).

RECOMMENDED WORKS:

Arnold, David. *Colonizing the Body: State Medicine and Epidemic Disease in Nineteenth-Century India*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1993.

Baynton, Douglas. "Disability and the Justification of Inequality in American History," in *The New Disability History: American Perspectives*, edited by Paul Longmore and Lauri Umansky, 33-57. New York: New York University Press, 2001.

Berg, Allison. *Mothering the Race: Women's Narratives of Reproduction, 1890-1930*. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2002.

- Briggs, Laura. "Discourses of "Forced Sterilization" in Puerto Rico: The Problem with the Speaking Subaltern." *Differences: a Journal of Feminist Cultural Studies* 10, no. 2 (1998): 30.
- Duster, Troy. "Enhanced: Race and Reification in Science." *Science Magazine* 307, no. 5712 (2005): 1050-51.
- Fairchild, Amy. *Science at the Borders: Immigrant Medical Inspection and the Shaping of the Modern Industrial Labor Force*. Baltimore: John Hopkins University Press, 2003.
- Farmer, Paul. *AIDS and Accusation: Haiti and the Geography of Blame*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1992.
- Epstein, Steven. *Impure Science: AIDS, Activism, and the Politics of Knowledge*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1996.
- Gomez, Laura E. *Misconceiving Mothers: Legislators, Prosecutors, and the Politics of Prenatal Drug Exposure*. Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1997.
- Markel, Howard. *Quarantine!: East European Jewish Immigrants and the New York City Epidemics of 1892*. Johns Hopkins Paperbacks ed. ed. Baltimore, Md.: John Hopkins University Press, 1999.
- Leavitt, Judith Walzer. *Typhoid Mary: Captive to the Public's Health*. Boston: Beacon Press, 1996.
- Markel, Howard, and Alexandra Stern. "Which Face? Whose Nation?: Immigration, Public Health, and the Construction of Disease at America's Ports and Borders, 1891-1928." *American Behavioral Scientist* 42, no. 9 (1999): 1314-31.
- Melendez, Miguel. *We Took the Streets: Fighting for Latino Rights with the Young Lords*. New York: St. Martin's Press, 2003.
- Molina, Natalia. "Illustrating Cultural Authority: Medicalized Representations of Mexican Communities in Early Twentieth Century Los Angeles." *Aztlán: A Journal of Chicano Studies* Spring (2003).
- Roberts, Dorothy. "Who May Give Birth to Citizens: Reproduction, Eugenics and the Nation," in *Immigrants Out: The New Nativism and the Anti-Immigrant Impulse in the United States*, edited by Juan Perea, 205-19. New York and London: New York University Press, 1997.
- . *Killing the Black Body: Race, Reproduction, and the Meaning of Liberty*. New York: Vintage, 1997.
- Stern, Alexandra. "Sterilized in the Name of Public Health and Population Policy: Race, Immigration, and Reproductive Control in Modern California." *American Journal of Public Health*.
- . "Making Better Babies: Public Health and Race Betterment in Indiana, 1920-1935." *American Journal of Public Health* 92, no. 5 (2002).
- Stepan, Nancy. *The Hour of Eugenics: Race, Gender, and Nation in Latin America*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1991.
- Treichler, Paula A, Lisa Cartwright, and Constance Penley. *The Visible Woman:*

Imaging Technologies, Gender, and Science. New York: New York University Press, 1998.

Wailoo, Keith. Dying in the City of the Blues: Sickle Cell Anemia and the Politics of Race and Health: University of North Carolina Press, 2001.

Vaughan, Megan. Curing Their Ills: Colonial Power and African Illness. Cambridge, UK: Polity Press, 1991.