

SOC 531 Syllabus: Sociology of Medicine

Time and Location: 391 Van Hise

Spring 2006, Thursday, 1:20-3:30

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Course Description:

Course Requirements:

- Three 4 page papers.
 - These are distributed throughout the semester. The assignment is listed on the day it is due. The due dates are 2/23, 3/23, and 4/28.
 - Portion of Grade: 20% for each.
- Final Exam
 - The final paper will also be a 15 page (double spaced) paper. This will be an open book take home exam.
 - Portion of Grade: 25%
- Participation in Class
 - Portion of Grade: 15%
 - Class participation is critical. Missing more than 2 days of class will lead to a 0 for this portion of your grade. Your participation will be judged both on quantity and quality.

Grading Policies

- 94-100 A
- 88-93 AB
- 84-87 B
- 78-83 BC
- 74-77 C
- 69-73 CD
- 64-68 D
- 59-63 DF
- <59 F

Academic Honesty

Students are expected to be familiar with University of Wisconsin rules surrounding academic honesty.

<http://www.wisc.edu/pubs/home/archives/gopher/special93/00000136.html>

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Introduction and Course Overview

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Guest Lecture

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The Social Construction of Health

- Betsy Armstrong. 1998. Diagnosing Moral Disorder. *Social Science & Medicine*.
- Dingelstad, David et al.. 1996. Social Construction of Drug Debates. *Social Science & Medicine*.
- Emily Abel. 2003. From Exclusion to Expulsion: Mexicans and Tuberculosis in Los Angeles, 1914-1940. *Bulletin of Historical Medicine*.

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No Class

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Medicalization and the Experience of Being a Patient

- Peter Conrad, "Medicalization and Social Control," *Annual Review of Sociology* 18 (1992): 209-232.
- Freund, Peter and Meredith McGuire. 1999. Chapter 10 in *Health, Illness and the Social Body*.
- Kathy Charmaz. 1983. Loss of Self: A Fundamental form of Suffering in the Chronically Ill. *Sociology of Health & Illness*.

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ASSIGNMENT DUE: HOW IS HEALTH SOCIALLY CONSTRUCTED?

Do we have a right to health care/good health? What role for the state? Why don't we have universal health insurance?

- Desmond King and Jeremy Waldron. 1988. "Citizenship, Social Citizenship, and the Defense of Welfare Provision." *British Journal of Political Science* 18(4):415-443.
- Quadagno, Jill. 2005. Chapter 1 and Chapter 2 from *One Nation Uninsured*.

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How does U.S. health and health care stack up to other countries? How does capitalism affect health and health care?

- Tu, J.V., et al, "Use of Cardiac Procedures and Outcomes in Elderly Patients with Myocardial Infarction in the United States and Canada," *N Engl J Med*, May 22, 1997, 336(21), pp. 1500-1505.
- Woolhandler, Steffie and David Himmelstein, "Paying For National Health Insurance – And Not Getting It" *Health Affairs*, July 2002
- Woolhandler, Steffie et al. 2003. "Costs of Health Care Administration in the United States and Canada." *Health Affairs* 349:768-775.

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Social Factors and Health: What Role for Medical Care?

- Bruce J. Link and Jo Phelan. 1995. "Social Conditions as Fundamental Causes of Disease," *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 1995 (extra issue): 80-94.
- Lillie-Blanton, Marsha; Hoffman, Catherine. 2005. "The Role of Health Insurance Coverage in Reducing Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Health Care." *Health Affairs* 24(2):398:409.
- McGinnis, Michael J, Pamela Williams-Russo, and James Knickman (2002), "The Case for More Active Policy Attention to Health Promotion." *Health Affairs* 21(2), pp. 78-93.
- Pincus, Theodore et al. 1998. Social Conditions and Self Management are More Powerful Determinants of Health than Access to Care. *Annals of Internal Medicine*.
- Andrulis, Dennis. 1998. Access to Care is the Centerpiece in the Elimination of Socioeconomic Disparities in Health. *Annals of Internal Medicine*.

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Spring Break

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ASSIGNMENT DUE: SHOULD THE US HAVE UNIVERSAL HEALTH INSURANCE? WILL IMPROVING ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE REDUCE SOCIOECONOMIC DISPARITIES IN HEALTH?

Behavioral issues and health

- Peter Jennings Tape
- Lantz, Paula and colleagues. 1998. "Socioeconomic Factors, Health Behaviors, and Mortality." *JAMA* 279(21):1703-1708.
- NY Times Series on Diabetes

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Social Factors: Education

Mirowsky and Ross

- Ross, Catherine et al. 1997. Education and the Subjective Quality of Life. *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*.

- Goldman and Smith 2002, Can Patient Self Management Explain the SES Health Gradient? *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.
- Ross and Wu. 1995. The Link between Education and Health. *American Sociological Review*.
- Ross and Mirowsky. 1999. Refining the Association between Education and Health. *Demography*.

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Social Factors: Income and Income Inequality

- Smith, James P. 1999. “Healthy Bodies and Thick Wallets.” *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 13(2):145-166.
- Ann Case and colleagues. 2002. “Economic Status and Health in Childhood.” *American Economic Review* 92(5):1308-1334.
- Kawachi and Kennedy 1999.
- Marmot 2002

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Social Factors: Social Supports & Stress

- House 1998
- Meyer 1995
- Thoits 1995
- WilliamsUmberson2004

This American life piece about gay man taking care of his mother. (First year of this American life).

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Social Factors: Race and Health/Medical Care

- Institute of Medicine Summary Report (IOM_1).
- Sally Satel and Jonathon Klick. 2005. “The Institute of Medicine Report: Too Quick to Diagnose Bias.” *Perspectives in Biology and Medicine* 48(1):S15-S25.
- Schulman et al. 1999. “The Effect of Race and Sex on Physicians’ Recommendations for Cardiac Catheterization.” *New England Journal of Medicine* 340(8):618-626.
- Williams, David. 1997. Race and Health: Basic Questions, Emerging Directions. *Annual Review of Epidemiology* 7: 322-333.
- This American Life Segment---Indian Reservation
- Tuskegee: <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=1137212>

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ASSIGNMENT DUE: HOW DOES RACE AFFECT HEALTH?

Social Factors: Gender

- Will H. Courtenay, “Constructions of Masculinity and their Influence on Men’s Well-Being: A Theory of Gender and Health,” *Social Science & Medicine* 50 (2000): 1385-1401.
- Bird 1999
- Glazer, Nona. 1990. *The Home as Workshop: Women as Amateur Nurses and Medical Care Providers.* *Gender & Society*
- King Meyer 1997

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Social Factors: Neighborhoods and health

- Robert, Stephanie. 1999. “Socioeconomic Status and Health: Community Context.” *Annual Review of Sociology.* *Annual Review of Sociology* 25:489-516.
- Diex-Rou 2001. “Neighborhood of Residence and Incidence of Coronary Heart Disease.” *New England Journal of Medicine* 345(2):99-106.
- Jeffrey Kling, Jeffrey Liebman, Lawrence Katz, and Lisa Sanbonmatsu. 2004. “Moving to Opportunity and Tranquility: Neighborhood Effects on Adult Economic Self-Sufficiency and Health from a Randomized Housing Voucher Experiment.” Faculty Research Working Paper Series: RWP04-035.

Optional

- Robert, S. A. (1998). Community-level socioeconomic status effects on adult health.” *Journal of Health and Social Behavior.* 39:18-37.
- Tama Leventhal & Jeanne Brooks-Gunn. 2002. “Moving to Opportunity.” Center for Children and Families, Teachers College, Columbia University.