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**Department of the History and Sociology of Science
University of Pennsylvania
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HSSC 503:

CURRENT ISSUES IN THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE

Thursday, 1:30-4:30
p.m.
Stiteler Conference
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Description:

This seminar surveys a variety of popular and scholarly approaches to the study of medicine and its history, ranging from traditional physician-centered narratives to more recent cultural and epistemological methodologies. The potential value of journalistic, sociological, anthropological, geographical, and other approaches to the historical study of health, disease, and health care will be explored. The course will also focus on the practical side of academic life, including the joys and difficulties of graduate school and strategies for professional development.

Requirements:

- assigned readings, attendance, and participation in discussion;
- discussion questions based on assigned readings, submitted electronically prior to class meetings;

- periodic critiques (in writing) of classmates' work;
- one short paper on scholarly citation practices, 5-7 pages, due October 14.
- the design (text only) of a pedagogical web site, including interpretive essays, due December 11.

Readings: Assigned books are available for purchase at Penn Book Center. Articles and additional readings will be provided through the History and Sociology of Science Department's informal reserve area in the third floor lounge, Logan Hall.

ASSIGNED READINGS

WEEK 1
September 4

Introduction and Overview
(no assigned readings)

WEEK 2
September 11

James Le Fanu, The Rise and Fall of Modern Medicine (all)

WEEK 3
September 18

Jared Diamond, Guns, Germs, and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies, all except chapters 5-10

WEEK 4
September 25

Charles Rosenberg, The Care of Strangers: The Rise of America's Hospital System (all except chapters 10 and 11)

WEEK 5
October 2

Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, A Midwife's Tale: The Life of Martha Ballard, Based on Her Diary, 1785-1812 (all)

- submit writing sample for Writing Workshop

WEEK 6
October 9

Writing Workshop

- review selected web sites
- read and critique classmates' written work

Monday October 13: First Paper Due (Citation Review)

**WEEK 7
October 16**

Nancy Scheper-Hughes, Death Without Weeping: The Violence of Everyday Life in Brazil, all except pp. 31-127

**WEEK 8
October 23**

Rayna Rapp, Testing Women, Testing the Fetus: The Social Impact of Amniocentesis in America (all)

Charis Cussins, "Ontological Choreography: Agency Through Objectification in Infertility Clinics," Social Studies of Science 26 (1996): 575-610

**WEEK 9
October 30**

Michel Foucault, The Birth of the Clinic, Preface and chapters 7 and 8

Foucault, Discipline and Punish, Part 1, chapter 1 ("The Body of the Condemned"); Part 3, chapter 3 ("Panopticism"); and Part 4, chapter 3 ("The Carceral")

James Faubion, ed., Power: The Essential Works of Michel Foucault, vol. 3, pp.134-156 ("The Birth of Social Medicine"), 223-233 ("Questions of Method")

**WEEK 10
November 6**

Elizabeth Lunbeck, The Psychiatric Persuasion: Knowledge, Gender, and Power in Modern America, all except chapters 4 and 5

WEEK 11
November 13

Barbara Duden, The Woman Beneath the Skin: A Doctor and His Patients in Eighteenth-Century Germany (all)

Thomas Laqueur, review of Woman Beneath the Skin, in Bulletin of the History of Medicine

WEEK 12
November 20

Conevery Bolton Valencius, The Health of the Country (all)

November 27: Thanksgiving (no class meeting)

WEEK 13
December 4

Shigehisa Kuriyama, The Expressiveness of the Body and the Divergence of Greek and Chinese Medicine (all)

December 11
Final Project Due