

History 208/Preventive Medicine 479

**HEALTH, MEDICINE AND SOCIAL REFORM
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Course requirements are a midterm exam, a final exam and a 7-page book review essay. Each will contribute to one-third of the final grade.

The following books are to be purchased:

George Rosen, A History of Public Health(Hopkins) [PH]

Friedrich Engels, The Condition of the Working Class
in England(Oxford)

Jacob Riis, How the Other Half Lives(Bedford)

James H. Jones, Bad Blood(Free Press)

History 208/PM 479 Course Reader(available at the River
Campus bookstore) [CR]

All readings will also be available on reserve.

The book review essay must be written on **one** of the following books:

Engels(due 2/21)

Riis (due 4/4)

Jones (due 4/25)

Each student will be assigned to a specific mentor (Brown, Crilly, or McCarthy) who will grade all book review essays by her or his assigned students. Mentor assignments will be announced early in the semester.

Schedule of Lectures

- Jan 17 Introduction and Orientation
Jan 22 Health, medicine, and the Scientific Revolution
Jan 24 No lecture
Jan 29 Health and the Enlightenment
Jan 31 Eighteenth century hospitals
Feb 5 Medical police
Feb 7 Health, medicine, and the French Revolution
Feb 12 British sanitary reform - I
Feb 14 British sanitary reform - II
Feb 19 German social medicine
Feb 21 The promise of scientific medicine
Feb 26 Bismarck and sickness insurance
Feb 28 Sickness insurance in Britain
Mar 12 National health programs in 20th century Europe
Mar 14 **Midterm Exam**
Mar 19 National health insurance in Canada
Mar 21 Cross-currents in 19th century America
Mar 26 Bacteriology and the American public health movement
Mar 28 Medicine and reform in the Progressive Era - I
Apr 2 Medicine and reform in the Progressive Era - II
Apr 4 Corporate philanthropy and public health
Apr 9 Organized labor and American health politics
Apr 11 Medical politics and the New Deal
Apr 16 Medical politics in postwar America
Apr 18 Race and health in America - I
Apr 23 Race and health in America - II
Apr 25 Medicare and Medicaid
Apr 30 From the sixties to the nineties
May 2 The issues today

Readings

- 1/17 Rosen, A History of Public Health, 1-25
- 1/22 Rosen, PH,57-106
King, The Medical World of the Eighteenth Century,1-29[CR]
- 1/29 Rosen, PH,107-137,148-166
- 1/31 McKeown and Brown in Glass & Eversley(eds.),Population in History,285-307 [CR]
[start reading Engels]
- 2/5 Rosen, PH,137-143
Frank, A System of Complete Medical Police,36-39,46-52,
64-69,79-85,112-113,132-133,164-167,183-196,357-361[CR]
- 2/7 Rosen,PH,143-146
Frank, "The People's Misery: Mother of Diseases," Bull. Hist. Med. 9 (1941):88-100 [CR]
[finish approx. half of Engels]
- 2/12 Rosen,PH,166-209,235-251

Chadwick[Great Britain Poor Law],Report on the Sanitary Condition of the Labouring Population,74-84,396-399, 421-425 [CR]

- 2/14 **Engels, The Condition of the Working Class in England**, esp. pages 9-247
- 2/19 Rosen,PH,226-235
Virchow, "Report on the Typhus Epidemic in Upper Silesia," in Collected Essays on Public Health and Epidemiology,I, 205-206,307-319 [CR]
- 2/21 Rosen,PH,251-266,270-308
Virchow, "Standpoints in Scientific Medicine," in Disease, Life, and Man,26-39 [CR]
- 2/26 Hollyday, Bismarck,57-66 [CR]
- 2/28 Watkin, Documents on Health and Social Services,71-87 [CR]
- 3/12 Rosen, PH,415-426
- 3/19 Navarro, "Why Some Countries Have Health Insurance," Soc. Sci. Med. 28 (1989):887-897 [CR]
- 3/21 Rosen,PH,209-226
- 3/26 Rosen,PH,308-319,358-369
- 3/28 **Riis, How the Other Half Lives**
- 4/2 Rosen,PH,320-358
- 4/4 Brown, "Public Health in Imperialism," Amer. J. Public Health 66 (1976):897-903 [CR]
- 4/9 Rosen,PH,395-415
- 4/11 Rosen,PH,426-439
- 4/16 Starr, The Social Transformation of American Medicine, 266-289,299-310 [CR]
- 4/18 **Jones, Bad Blood**
- 4/23 Geiger, "The Endlessly Revolving Door," Amer. J. Nursing 69 (1969):2436-2444 [CR]
- 4/25 E.R.Brown in Sidel & Sidel (eds.), Reforming Medicine, 50-76

