**Medical Anthropology: Advanced Topics**

**Spring 2019**

*Wednesdays 9:45 - 11:45 AM*

*Room: Tozzer 416*

Instructor:

Arthur Kleinman

Office hours: By appointment

Teaching fellow: Annikki Herranen-Tabibi

Description: This seminar will review the latest and most advanced contributions to theory, methods (especially ethnography), findings, as well as policy contributions in medical anthropology.

Eligibility: Open to graduate students, and advanced undergraduates with some social science background (does not have to be anthropology). Because of the extent of the readings and the intensity of the analysis, the course will be limited to 25 students. Undergraduates, who are not Anthropology concentrators or who have *not* taken SW 25, before enrolling formally, please contact the instructor to discuss whether you have an adequate background for the course.

Requirements:

▪ Weekly attendance at seminar meetings + Active participation in seminar discussion.

o N.B.: Given the demands of the syllabus, and the competing demands on the time of students this Spring, every student is allowed 1 week “off” when they don’t have to do the reading.

▪ Leading one class discussion and writing a précis of the major reading for the seminar for which you signed up; due by 8:00 AM on the Tuesday before class. This review should consider the text *on its own terms* and then critically assess it. Length: 2 double-spaced pages.

▪ Rapporteur’s notes for one class (different week from the one for which leading discussion/writing précis); due by 8am on the Monday after the Wednesday class; Length: 2 double-spaced pages

▪ Undergraduates only: meet bi-weekly with Arthur Kleinman for discussion section (to be arranged);

▪ Research paper:

o Graduate students: 25-30 pages of text (references/bibliography additional);

o Undergraduates: 20-22 pages of text (references/bibliography additional). Workshop session on final papers will be held between 3/6 and 3/10

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o All: Submit two hard copies of the completed paper to Linda Thomas (Tozzer 412).

o Due Friday, May 3, at 5pm (the 4th day of Reading Period).

o When you submit your final paper, please include somewhere the following: “I affirm my awareness of the standards of the Harvard College Honor Code.” (see below)

Course Grade Composition

▪ Attendance + Participation 20% ▪ Leading class discussion + Précis + Rapporteur’s notes 20% ▪ Final Paper 60%

Required Books

Available through the Coop here: https://tinyurl.com/300-ANTH-2796-1-W19

Das, Veena. *Affliction: Health, Disease, Poverty.* New York: Fordham University Press, 2015.

Al-Dewachi, Omar. *Ungovernable Life: Mandatory Medicine and Statecraft in Iraq.* Stanford, California: Stanford University Press, 2017.

Farmer, Paul. *Fever, Feuds and Diamonds: Ebola in West Africa*. (Manuscript in press; to be made available through drop box or google docs.)

Jain, S. Lochlann. *Malignant: How Cancer Becomes Us*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2013.

Jusionyte, Ieva. *Threshold: Emergency Responders on the US-Mexico Border.* Berkeley: University of California Press, 2018.

Kaufman, Sharon R. *Ordinary Medicine: Extraordinary Treatments, Longer Lives, and Where to Draw the Line*. Durham: Duke University Press, 2015.

Khan, Nichola. *Mental Disorder: Anthropological Insights*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2016.

Knight, Kelly Ray. *Addicted.pregnant.poor.* Durham: Duke University Press, 2015.

Rees, Tobias. *Plastic Reason: An Anthropology of Brain Science in Embryogenetic Terms*. Oakland: University of California Press, 2016.

Sharp, Lesley A. *Animal Ethos: The Morality of Human-Animal Encounters in Experimental Lab Science.* Berkeley: University of California Press, 2018.

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Sufrin, Carolyn. *Jailcare: Finding the Safety Net for Women behind Bars.* Berkeley: University of California Press, 2017.

Wilkinson, Iain & Kleinman, Arthur. *A Passion for Society: How We Think About Human Suffering.* Berkeley: University of California Press, 2016.

Yang, Jie. *Mental Health in China: Change, Tradition and Therapeutic Governance.* Newark: Polity Press, 2017.

**The Harvard College Honor Code**

Members of the Harvard College community commit themselves to producing academic work of integrity – that is, work that adheres to the scholarly and intellectual standards of accurate attribution of sources, appropriate collection and use of data, and transparent acknowledgement of the contribution of others to their ideas, discoveries, interpretations, and conclusions. Cheating on exams or problem sets, plagiarizing or misrepresenting the ideas or language of someone else as one’s own, falsifying data, or any other instance of academic dishonesty violates the standards of our community, as well as the standards of the wider world of learning and affairs.

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**SCHEDULE**

**1/30: Introduction to the course: An Overview of Medical Anthropology**

Required (Does not have to be done by this class; meant to be for the whole semester’s reflection):

Das, Veena. *Affliction: Health, Disease, Poverty*. New York: Fordham University Press, 2015.

Kleinman, Arthur. “The Search for Wisdom: Why William James Still Matters.” Pp. 119-137 in *The Ground Between: Anthropologists Engage Philosophy,* edited by Das, Veena, Michael D. Jackson, Arthur Kleinman, and Bhrigupati Singh. Durham: Duke University Press, 2014.

Kleinman, Arthur. "Caregiving as moral experience." *The Lancet* 380, no. 9853 (2012): 1550-1551.

Petryna, Adriana, “Horizons of the Ethical Amid Abrupt Ecological Change,” from *A Special View of Asia and the World: The Wider Significance of Medical Anthropology*, Harvard University, 2016.

Farmer, Paul. “Bearing Witness” and “On Suffering and Structural Violence.” Pp. 23-50 in *Pathologies of Power: Health, Human Rights, and the New War on the Poor*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2004.

Anderson, Warwick. "Introduction: Postcolonial Technoscience." *Social Studies of Science* (2002): 32, 643-658.

**Anthropology of Science and Technology**

**2/6: Situated Biologies**

Required:

Rees, Tobias. *Plastic Reason: An Anthropology of Brain Science in Embryogenetic Terms*. Oakland: University of California Press, 2016.

Kleinman, Arthur. “What Is Specific to Biomedicine?” Pp. 119-137 in *Writing at the Margin: Discourse Between Medicine and Anthropology.* Berkeley: University of California Press, 1997.

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Lock, Margaret, “Mutable Selves of Modernity, Epigenetics, and the Microbiome,” from *A Special View of Asia and the World: The Wider Significance of Medical Anthropology*, Harvard University, 2016.

Recommended:

Lock, Margaret. “The Epigenome and Nature/Nurture Reunification: A Challenge for Anthropology.” *Medical Anthropology* (2013): 32:4, 291-308.

Mukherjee, Siddhartha. Part Two: ‘In the Sum of the Parts, There Are Only The Parts.” Pp. 87-200. In *The Gene: An Intimate History*. New York: Scribner, 2016.

**2/13: Local Biology**

Required:

Khan, Nichola. *Mental Disorder: Anthropological Insights*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2016.

Yang, Jie. *Mental Health in China: Change, Tradition and Therapeutic Governance.* Newark: Polity Press, 2017.

Recommended:

Baum, Emily. *The Invention of Madness: State, Society, and the Insane in Modern China.* Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2018.

Lock, Margaret, and Vinh-Kim Nguyen. “Biomedical Technologies in Practice” and “Local Biologies and Human Difference” Pp. 17-31 and 83-110 in *An Anthropology of Biomedicine*. Oxford, UK: John Wiley & Sons, 2010. NB: Ebook available via HOLLIS+.

Marks, J. The Nature/Culture of Genetic Facts. *Annual Review of Anthropology* (2013): *42*, 247-267.

Wylie, S. A., Jalbert, K., Dosemagen, S., & Ratto, M. Institutions for civic technoscience: How critical making is transforming environmental research. *The Information Society* (2014): *30*(2), 116-126.

**2/20: The Purposes of Medical Anthropology and the Anthropological Perspectives on Humanitarianism**

Required:

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Wilkinson, Iain & Kleinman, Arthur. *A Passion for Society: How We Think About Human Suffering*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2016.

Inhorn, Marcia C. and Wentzell, Emily A. “Introduction,” pp. 1-22 in *Medical Anthropology at the Intersections: Histories, Activisms, and Futures.* Durham: Duke University Press, 2012.

Kleinman, Arthur. “The Search for Wisdom: Why William James Still Matters.” Pp. 119-137 in *The Ground Between: Anthropologists Engage Philosophy,* edited by Das, Veena, Michael D. Jackson, Arthur Kleinman, and Bhrigupati Singh. Durham: Duke University Press, 2014.

Recommended:

Reiss, Julian and Sprenger, Jan, "Scientific Objectivity", *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Summer 2016 Edition), Edward N. Zalta (ed.), URL = <http://plato.stanford.edu/archives/sum2016/entries/scientific-objectivity/>.

Daston, Lorraine, and Peter Galison. “Epistemologies of the Eye (Chapter 1),” Pp. 17-54, in *Objectivity*. Brooklyn, NY: Zone Books, 2007.

**2/27: Social Suffering and Epidemics (1)**

Required:

Farmer, Paul. *Fever, Feuds and Diamonds: Ebola in West Africa*. (Manuscript in press; to be made available through drop box or google docs.)

**3/6: Social Suffering and Epidemics (2)**

Required:

Knight, Kelly Ray. *Addicted.pregnant.poor.* Durham: Duke University Press, 2015. ***\*For Undergraduates: Workshop session on final papers to be held between 2/25 & 3/10\****

**3/13: Immigration Crises and Health No class this week due to travel. Evening class will be scheduled either 3/5, 3/6 or 3/7.**

Required:

Jusionyte, Ieva. *Threshold: Emergency Responders on the US-Mexico Border.* Berkeley: University of California Press, 2018.

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**3/20: Spring Recess – No Class Meeting**

**3/27: Cancer**

Required:

Jain, S. Lochlann. *Malignant: How Cancer Becomes Us*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2013.

Recommended:

Kalanithi, Paul. *When Breath Becomes Air*. New York: Random House, 2016. **4/3: Care**

Required:

Kaufman, Sharon R. *Ordinary Medicine: Extraordinary Treatments, Longer Lives, and Where to Draw the Line*. Durham: Duke University Press, 2015.

**4/10: Prison Care**

Required:

Sufrin, Carolyn. *Jailcare: Finding the Safety Net for Women behind Bars.* Berkeley: University of California Press, 2017.

**4/17: Colonial Medicine**

Required:

Al-Dewachi, Omar. *Ungovernable Life: Mandatory Medicine and Statecraft in Iraq.* Stanford, California: Stanford University Press, 2017.

**4/24: Ethics**

Required:

Sharp, Lesley A. *Animal Ethos: The Morality of Human-Animal Encounters in Experimental Lab Science.* Berkeley: University of California Press, 2018.

**5/1: Course Summary (No readings)**

**5/3**: FINAL PAPER DUE AT 5PM

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