

SPRING 2009
DRAFT SYLLABUS FOR SOCIOLOGY 615
SOCIOLOGY OF HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES

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TEXTS:

Articles as handouts. The articles listed in the syllabus are subject to substitution during the course of the semester. Thus, the syllabus is to some degree is dynamic.

COURSE CONTENT:

This course is intended as a graduate-level foundational course in the field of medical sociology. The course is intended for graduate students in sociology intending to focus on the field of medical sociology as well as for graduate students from other disciplines or professional schools who wish to acquire a knowledge of sociological aspects of health, illness and medical care. The course will cover important theoretical paradigms and methodological perspectives in medical sociology as well as the important domains of research in medical sociology, ranging from the micro social analysis of illness perception and help-seeking, doctor-patient interaction, adaptations to chronic disease and disability, to the macro social analysis of social epidemiology, professionalization, medicalization, organizational analysis and the political economy of health systems. We will examine classic discussions of the important theoretical approaches as well as examples of research. The course should equip students with knowledge of the available theoretical paradigms which might be useful in framing their own future research endeavors.

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS:

The assignments will include short papers (1-2 pages) based on the weekly reading assignments as well as a longer course paper in which the student can focus on a particular topic of his or her choice. This assignment is intended to help students apply the material in the course to their own personal academic and career interests. The student should in this paper draw upon the theoretical frameworks and concepts introduced in this course in analyzing the issues and identifying important research questions relevant to the topic. The paper will be due on the last day of class of the semester. There will be opportunities during the course for individual students to share progress in doing their papers.

Assistance with Disabilities. Any student who feels s/he may need an accommodation based on the impact of a disability is invited to contact me privately. I would be happy to work with you, and the KOKUA Program (Office for Students with Disabilities) to ensure reasonable accommodations in my course. KOKUA can be reached at (808) 956-7511 or (808) 956-7612 (voice/text) in room 013 of the Queen Lili'uokalani Center for Student Services.

Scholarly Integrity: Plagiarism includes but is not limited to submitting, in fulfillment of an academic requirement, any work that has been copied in whole or in part from another individual's work without attributing that borrowed portion to the individual; neglecting to identify as a quotation another's idea and particular phrasing that was not assimilated into the student's language and style or paraphrasing a passage so that the reader is misled as to the source; submitting the same written or oral or artistic material in more than one course without obtaining authorization from the instructors involved; or "drylabbing," which includes obtaining and using experimental data and laboratory write-ups from other sections of a course or from previous terms.c (University of Hawaii at Manoa, Student Conduct Code, Section H. Academic Dishonesty, Part 2, Page 6).

COURSE OUTLINE

Week 1 January 12 Medicalization: the Social Construction of Disease and Illness

Phil Brown. "Naming and Framing: The Social Construction of Diagnosis and Illness"

Arlene Daniels. 1970. "The Social Construction of Military Psychiatric Diagnoses." Pp 181-205 in *Recent Sociology No. 2*, Hans Peter Dreitzel (ed.).

Peter Conrad. 2005. "The Shifting Engine of Medicalization," *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, 46 (March): 3 – 14.

Week 2 January 19 Martin Luther King holiday

Week 3 January 26 Social Epidemiology: Explaining Health Disparities

Jo C. Phelan, Bruce G. Link, Ana Diez-Roux, Ichiro Kawachi, Bruce Levin. 2004. *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, 45 (September): 265-285.S.

Leonard Syme and Irene H. Yen. 2000. "Social Epidemiology and Medical Sociology: Different Approaches to the Same Problem" Ch. 25 in *Handbook of Medical Sociology*, Cloe E. Bird, Peter Conrad, Allen M. Freemont (eds.)

McKnight, John. "Politicizing Health Care." Chapter 40 taken from *The Sociology of Health and Illness: Critical Perspectives*, Fifth Edition. Edited by Peter Conrad. St. Martin's Press, New York.

Week 4 February 2 Health Promotion and Intervention: Models of Public Health and Planning

- Phil Brown, 2001. Popular Epidemiology: Community Response to Toxic Waste-Induced Disease," Ch.7 in Peter Conrad (ed.), *The Sociology of Health and Illness: Critical Perspectives*, Fifth Edition. Worth: pp. 68– 75.
- Abelson, Julia, Pierre-Gerlier Forest, John Eyles, Patricia Smith, Elisabeth Martin, Francois-Pierre Gauvin. 2003. "Deliberations about deliberative methods: issues in the design and evaluation of public participation processes." *Social Science and Medicine* 57: 239-251.
- Alfred Rütten. 1995. The Implementation of Health Promotion: A New Structural Perspective. *Social Science and Medicine*. 41 (12): 1627-37.
- Louis Potvin, et al. 2002. "Implementing participatory intervention and research in communities: lessons from the Kahnawake Schools Diabetes Prevention Project in Canada" *Social Science and Medicine*, 56: 1295-1305

Week 5 February 9 The Political Economy of Medicine

- Grembowski, David E., Cook, Karen S., Patrick, Donald L., Roussel, Amy Elizabeth. 2002. "Managed Care and the US Health Care System: A Social Exchange Perspective." *Social Science and Medicine*, 54 (2002) pp. 1167-1180.
- Caronna, Carol. 2004. "The Mis-alignment of Institutional Pillars," *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, 45: 45-58.
- Heinz Rothgang, Mirella Cacace, Simone Grimmeisen and Claus Wendt. 2005. "The Changing Role of the State in Health Care Systems," *European Review*, 13, Supplement 1: 187-212.

Week 6 February 16 President's Day Holiday

Week 7 February 23 Professionalization & Professional Domains

- Paul Star, 1982. "The Boundaries of Public Health," *The Social Transformation of American Medicine*, NY: Basic Books. Ch. 5: 180-197.
- Donald W. Light, 2000. "The Medical Profession and Organizational Change: From Professional Dominance to Countervailing Power," Cloe E. Bird, Peter Conrad, Allen M. Freemont (eds.). *Handbook of Medical Sociology* CH 14: 201-216.
- Thomas G. Rundall, Stephen M. Shortell, and Jeffrey A. Alexander. "A Theory of Physician-Hospital Integration: Contending Institutional and Market Logics in the Health Care Field." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, 45 (Supplement): 102-117.
- Susan Reverby. 1987. "A Caring Dilemma: Womanhood and Nursing in Historical Perspective" *Nursing Research* 36: 5-11

Week 8 March 2 Social Control, Regulation and Quality of Care

- Marcia Millman, "Medical Mortality Review: A Cordial Affair"
- David Mechanic, "Rationing Strategies in an Era of Constrained Resources" from *From Advocacy to Allocation: The Evolving American Health Care System. Social Science and Medicine*, 60 (2005). Issue of articles devoted to health care rationing based on Amartya Sen's health economics analysis.
- Alain C. Enthoven and Laura A. Tollen. 2005. "Competition in Health Care: It Takes Systems to Pursue Quality and Efficiency," *Health Affairs*, (Web Exclusive, September): W5: 420-423.

Week 9 March 9 Organizational Processes and Delivery of Services

- Ann Barry Flood and Mary L. Fennell, 1995. "Through the Lenses of Organizational Sociology: The Role of Organizational Theory and Research in Conceptualizing and Examining Our Health Care System," *JHSB (Extra Issue)*: 154-169.
- Sol Levine and Paul E. White, 1960. "Exchange as a Conceptual Framework for the Study of Interorganizational Relationships," *Administrative Science Quarterly* 5: 583-601.
- Steven J. Taylor and Robert Bogdan. 1980. "Defending Illusions: The Institution's Struggle for Survival" *Human Organization* 39: 209-218.

Week 10 March 16 Illness Behavior: Constructing Illness and Help-seeking

- Irving Kenneth Zola, (1973) "Pathways to the Doctor - From Person to Patient" *Social Science and Medicine*, 7: 667-89.
- Laurence J. Kirmayer, Allan Young, and James M. Robbins, (1994) "Symptom Attribution in Cultural Perspective," *Canadian Journal of Psychiatry*, 39: 584-595.
- Mechanic, David. 1992. "Health and Illness Behavior and Patient-Practitioner Relationships." *Social Science and Medicine* 34 (12, June): 1345-1350.
- David A. Karp, (1996) "Illness and Identity." Pp 50-77 in David A. Karp, *Speaking of Sadness: Depression, Disconnection and the Meanings of Illness*. Oxford University Press.
- Shoou-Yih D. Lee, Ahsan M. Arozullah, and Young Ik Cho. 2004. "Health Literacy, Social Support and Health: a Research Agenda," *Social Science and Medicine* 58: 1309-1321.

SPRING BREAK - MARCH 23 - 27**Week 11 March 30 Models of Utilization of Health Services**

- Ronald M. Andersen, 1995. "Revisiting the Behavioral Model and Access to Medical Care" *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 36: 1 - 10.
- Bernice A Pescosolido, Carol Brooks Gardner and Keri M. Lubell. 1998. "How People Get Into Mental Health Services: Stories of Choice, Coercion and 'Muddling Through' From 'First-Timers'" *Social Science and Medicine*, 46 (2): 275-286.
- Catherine Koheler Riessman. 1997. "Improving the Health Experiences of Low Income Patients," Ch. 39: 436-449 in Peter Conrad (ed.), *The Sociology of Health and Illness: Critical Perspectives*. Fifth Edition. NY: St. Martins.
- Catherine Campbell and Carl McLean. 2002. "Ethnic identities, social capital and health inequalities: factors shaping African-Caribbean participation in local community networks in the UK," *Social Science and Medicine*, 55: 643-657.

Week 12 April 6 Doctor-patient Relationship: Communication

- David Mechanic and Sharon Meyer, (2000) "Concepts of Trust among Patients with Serious Illness," *Social Science and Medicine* 51 (5): 657-668.
- Howard Waitzkin. 1989. "A Critical Theory of Medical Discourse: Ideology, Social Control, and the Processing of Social Context in Medical Encounters." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, 30 (June): 220-39.
- Arora, Neeraj K. 2003. "Interacting with cancer patients: the significance of physician's communication behavior" *Social Science and Medicine* 57: 791-806.
- Hardey, Michael 1999. "Doctor in the House: The Internet s a Source of Lay Health Knowledge and the Challenge to Expertise." *Sociology of Health and Illness*, 21 (6): 820-35.
- Fisher, Sue. 1993. "Doctor Talk/Patient Talk: How Treatment Decisions Are Negotiated in Doctor-Patient Communication." *The Social Organization of Doctor-Patient Communication*, Second Edition, Norwood, New Jersey, Ablex Publishing Corporation.

Week 13 April 13 Doctor-Patient Relationship: Decision-making and Influence

- Kronenfeld, Jennie Jacobs, 2001. "New Trends in the Doctor-Patient Relationship: Impacts of Managed Care on the Growth of a Consumer Protections Model," *Sociological Spectrum*, 21: 293-317.
- Lee, Rene Gravois and Theresa Garvin. 2003. "Moving from Information Transfer to Information Exchange in health and health care," *Social Science and Medicine* 56: 449-464.
- Mykhalovskiy, Eric and Lorna Weir. 2004. "The Problem of Evidence-Based Medicine: Directions for Social Science." *Social Science and Medicine* 59: 1059-1069.

Conrad, Peter. 2001. "The Meaning of Medications: Another Look at Compliance" Ch. 13 in *The Sociology of Health and Illness: Critical Perspectives*, Sixth Edition, Edited by Peter Conrad. N.Y.: Worth Publishers:137-148.

Week 14 April 20 Wellness Behavior and Alternative Medicine

- William C. Cockerham. 2005. "Health lifestyle Theory and the Convergence of Agency and Structure." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, 46 (March): 51-67.
- Michael S. Goldstein. 2000, "The Growing Acceptance of Complementary and Alternative Medical Care," Ch. 19: 284-297 in Cloe E. Bird, Peter Conrad, Allen M. Freemont (eds.). *Handbook of Medical Sociology*.
- Deborah Lupton, 1993 "Risk as Moral Danger: The Social and Political Functions of Risk Discourse in Public Health." *International Journal of Health Services*, 23 (3): 425-35.
- Barbara Laslett, "Losing Weight: The Organizational Promotion of Behavior Change." *Social Problems* 23: 1 (Oct 1975): 69-80.
- James O. Prochaska, Carlo C. DiClemente, and John C. Norcross, 1992 "In Search of How People Change," *American Psychologist* 47: 1102-1114.
- Marshall H. Becker, 1993. "A Medical Sociologist Looks at Health Promotion," *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, 34: 1-6.

Week 15 April 27 Chronic Disease: Adaptation and Management of Illness

- Bryan Turner, *The New Medical Sociology*.
 "Time, Self and Disruption" Ch. 4: 131-162.
 "Reshaping Health and Illness" Ch. 5: 163-190.
- Michael Bury, "On Chronic Illness and Disability, " Ch. 12 in *Handbook of Medical Sociology*, Fifth Edition.
- David Mechanic, "Social Adaptation and the Management of Illness: A Comparison of Educational and Medical Models." Ch. 6 in David Mechanic, *From Advocacy to Allocation: The Evolving American health Care System*. N.Y.: The Free Press, 1986.
- Kathy Charmaz, 1991. "Turning Points and Fictional Identities," Ch. 6 pp. 71-86 in *Social Organization and Social Process – Essays in Honor of Anselm Strauss*, David R. Maines (ed.). New York: Aldine De Gruyter.
- Pearlin, Leonard I. 1989. "The Sociological Study of Stress," *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, 30(September): 241-256.
- Bisschop, M. Isabella, Kriegsman, Didi M.W., Beekman, Aartjan T.F. , Deeg, Dorly J.H. 2004. "Chronic Diseases and Depression: the Modifying Role of Psychosocial Resources," *Social Science and Medicine* 59: 721-733.

Week 16 May 4

Managing Health and Illness: Caregiving

- Horwitz, Rhinhard, and Howell-White, 1996. "Caregiving as Reciprocal Exchange in Families with Seriously Mentally Ill Members," *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 37 (June): 149-162.
- Kramer, Betty J. and James David Lambert. 1999. "Caregiving as a Life Course Transition among Older Husbands: A Prospective Study," *The Gerontologist*, 39 (6): 658-667.
- Aneshensel, Carol S., Leonard I. Pearlin and Roberleigh H. Schuler. 1993. "Stress, Role Captivity, and the Cessation of Caregiving" *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 34 (March): 54-70.
- Heather A. Turner, Leonard I. Pearlin, and Joseph T. Mullan. 1998. "Sources and Determinants of Social Support for Caregivers of Persons with AIDS" *Journal of Social Behavior*, 39 (June): 137-151.
- David E. Gray. 2003. "Gender and Coping: The Parents of Children with High Functioning Autism," *Social Science and Medicine*, 56: 631-642.