Sociology 716: Seminar in Medical Sociology

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There are no prerequisites to this seminar. I will give overrides to anyone who is interested. To give an override code, I need your student ID number.

This seminar will focus on doctor/patient conversations and how this interaction is the basis for diagnosis and treatment. We will be inspecting transcripts of actual diagnostic and treatment conversations in psychiatry and medicine. We will collaboratively develop analytical skills for recognizing and describing the unique structure of doctor/patient conversation. We will deal with a lot of dis-preferred information and how patients deal with it.


Feb 25: Presentations on Schegloff chapters 10 & 11. Read “Accounting for the visit: giving reasons for seeking medical care” by John Heritage and Jeffrey


March 25: Spring Break

April 1: Presentation of West. A summary of what we have learned so far.

April 8: Handing out the transcriptions of doctor/patient interactions and students analyzing the transcripts.

April 15: Student presentations of their analysis of doctor/patient interaction.

April 22: Student presentations of their analysis of doctor/patient interaction.

April 29: Class party and course evaluation.