This course will examine the impact of colonial and post-colonial history on patterns of health and health care in sub-Saharan Africa. It will also focus on African responses to changing new medical technologies and cultures, as well as emerging patterns of disease. The course centers on a series of readings and discussions that focus on a range of topics related to health and medicine. The issues we will discuss provide a unique perspective on colonization, post-colonial “development”, African images of the west, and western images of Africa. Africa is a very large and diverse place with a long and rich history. It would be impossible to chronicle every facet of its medical history here. Instead we will explore series of key themes in the history of health in Africa to develop a deeper understanding of the complex range of concerns that have shaped these issues. Class will be a mixture of lecture and discussion. It is essential that you do the readings so that you can participate fully in discussion.