

16:510:536 Colloquium: History of Medicine

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Tuesday 9:50 - 12:50 VD-011

Office Hours Tuesday 2:00-3:30 PM and by appointment 213A VD

This colloquium will introduce students to the study of the history of medicine by providing an introduction to historical research and writing. We will cover the historiography of medical history from the 1960s. In our weekly meetings, we will discuss methodologies, research questions, and a variety of approaches to the history of health and medicine that will serve as a broad introduction to the field. Students will write short weekly papers and a 8-10 page literature review at the end of the semester.

You will be asked to lead discussion twice during the course of the semester. It is the responsibility of discussion leaders to tie the books together and suggest a larger historiographical framework to which the readings of the week speak. In addition, you should try to familiarize yourself with the larger outlines of the surrounding literature. During class discussion, we will analyze both the authors' arguments and their contributions to the field. Some weeks, we will discuss two books. On those days, half of the class will read one, the other half the other book.

To help you digest the readings, you are asked to write a 2-page abstract on the readings. The abstracts are due at the class sessions during which we will discuss the respective readings. If you have questions about how to write an abstract, check the research database *Historical Abstracts* or the short abstracts provided in the back of the *American Historical Review* for examples. Be aware, that these abstracts may vary in quality.

Historiographical Paper

For your final paper, I will give you a sample comprehensive exam question and ask you to answer the question based on your reading during the semester. The final paper is due on December 18.

Discussion Questions

Finally, I ask you to prepare discussion questions for each week. These questions should help us to analyze the readings and put them in relation to each other. Discussion questions will be due by email to the entire class by Monday morning.

Your final grade will be calculated as follows:	Discussion	50%
	Final Paper	50%

All the books are available at *Barnes & Nobles*. To obtain cheaper copies, you might search both amazon.com and abebooks.com. I have also put the readings on reserve. With some coordination, we should be able to get enough copies to share the readings. All the articles are available on Sakai.

Schedule

Sept. 1 introduction: Medical History: What is it? What Function does it serve?

Hans-Uwe Lammel, "To Whom Does Medical History Belong? Johann Moehsen, Kurt Sprengel, and the Problem of Origins in Collective Memory," *Locating Medical History: The Stories and Their Meanings*, ed. by Frank Hisman and John Harley Warner [2004]

Vivian Nutton, "Ancient Medicine: From Berlin to Baltimore," *Locating Medical History*

Elizabeth Fee and Theodore M. Brown, "Using Medical History to Shape a Profession: The deals of William Osler and Henry E. Sigerist," *Locating Medical History*

Susan Reverby and David Rosner, "Beyond 'the Great Doctors'," in Reverby and Rosner, eds. *Health Care in America: Essays in Social History* (Temple University Press, 1979) 3-16

Sept. 15: Population and Diseases

Charles Rosenberg, *The Cholera Years: The United States in 1832, 1849, and 1866*, (1962)

Alfred W. Crosby, *The Columbian Exchange: Biological and Cultural Consequences of 1492*, (1972)

Sept. 22 Women's Health:

Barbara Ehrenreich and Deirdre English, *Witches, Midwives, and Nurses: A History of Women Healers*, (1973)

Mary Roth Walsh, *Doctors Wanted: No Women Need Apply*, (1977)

Caroll Smith-Rosenberg, "The Hysterical Woman: Sex Roles and Role Conflict in Nineteenth Century America," *Social Research* 39, (1972)

Sept. 29 Class, Race, and Health:

Todd Savitt, *Medicine and Slavery: The Diseases and Healthcare of Blacks in Antebellum Virginia*, (1978)

John Ettlign, *The Germ of Laziness: Rockefeller Philanthropy and Public Health in the New South*, (1981)

Oct. 6: Women Health Care Providers

Susan Reverby, *Ordered to Care: The Dilemma of American Nursing, 1850-1945*, (1987)

Regina Morantz Sanchez, *Sympathy and Science: Women Physicians in America*, (1985)

Oct. 13: Postcolonial Histories

Warwick Anderson, "Postcolonial Histories of Medicine," *Locating Medical History*

Richard Evans, *Death in Hamburg: Society and Politics in the Cholera Years, 1830-1910*, (1987)

Randall Packard, *White Plague, Black Labor: Tuberculosis and the political Economy of Health and Disease in South Africa*, (1989)

Oct. 20: Cultural Histories

Mary E. Fissell, "Making Meaning from the Margins: The New Cultural History of Medicine," *Locating Medical History*

Barbara Duden, *The Woman Beneath the Skin: A Doctor's Patients in Eighteenth Century Germany*, (1991)

Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, *A Midwife's Tale: The Life of Martha Ballard, Based on her Diary, 1785-1812*, (1991)

Oct. 27: Excluded Populations and Health Reform

Charles E. Rosenberg, "Illness, Society, and History: Studies in Cultural History," in *Framing Disease*, (1992)

Edward Beardsley, *A History of Neglect: Health Care Southern Black Millworkers*, (1990)

Susan Smith, *Sick and Tired of Being Sick and Tired: Black Women's Health Activism in America, 1890-1950*, (1995)

Nov. 3: The Making of Medical Therapies

Ludmilla Jordanova, "The Social Construction of Medical Knowledge," *Locating Medical History: The Stories and Their Meanings*

Keith Wailoo, *Drawing Blood: Technology and Disease Identity in 20th Cent America*, (1997)

Monica Casper, *The Making of the Unborn Patient: A Social Anatomy of Fetal Surgery*, (1998)

Nov. 10: Interrogating Sex and Gender

Susan M. Reverby and David Rosner, "'Beyond the Great Doctors' Revisited: A Generation of the 'New' Social History of Medicine," *Locating Medical History: The Stories and Their Meanings*

Alice Dreger, *Hermaphrodites and the Medical Invention of Sex*, (2000)

Joanne Meyerowitz, *How Sex Changed: A History of Transsexuality in the United States*, (2004)

Nov. 17: Social Construction of Race and Sex

Ann Fausto Sterling, *Sexing the Body: Gender Politics and the Social Construction of Sexuality*, (2000)

Dorothy Roberts, *Fatal Invention: How Science, Politics, and Big Business Recreate Race in the Twenty-First Century*, (2011)

Nov. 24 no class**Dec. 1: Medical Ethics**

Allan M. Brandt, "From Analysis to Advocacy: Crossing Boundaries as a Historian of Health Policy," *Locating Medical History: The Stories and Their Meanings*

Susan Reverby, *Examining Tuskegee: The Infamous Syphilis Study and Its Legacy*, (2009)

Susan Lederer, *Flesh and Blood: Organ Transplantation and Blood Transfusion in the Early 20th Century*, (2009)

Dec. 8 New Approaches

Julie Livingston, *Improvising Medicine: An African Oncology Ward in an Emerging Cancer Epidemic*, (2012)

Kristin Peterson, *Speculative Markets: Drug Circuits and Derivative Life in Nigeria*, (2014)

Dec. 15 Final Paper Due