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History 506:402: Disease, Water Pollution, and Social Movements

Wednesdays, Scott Hall 1:10 to 4:10 p.m.

From the worldwide cholera epidemics of the nineteenth century to the water war in Cochabamba, Bolivia, to leukemia outbreaks in the U.S., to water pollution and shortages in Flint, Detroit, and the Central Valley of California, to water as a human right in South Africa, struggles over water have emerged all over the world. Through analysis of primary sources, newspaper accounts, social media pages, and critical studies, students will develop analytical papers about particular water-related epidemics, shortages, or political movements.