

MH/HS 709 GRADUATE DISCUSSION SECTION
Spring 2013, Alternating Mondays 4 - 6 PM, Aldo's Cafe
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Monday, January 28, 2013:

Planning meeting.

February 11, 2013:

Per student votes, replaced with a double meeting on 2/25/13 in order to accommodate the History of Science Department's History of Recent Life Sciences job candidate visit roster, which scheduled a candidate job talk for the 4-6 PM block on 2/11/13.

February 25, 2013:

N.B.: *Per student votes, this will be a 3-hour, dinner meeting to replace the missed 2/11/13 session (see above). To accommodate student schedules and the recent update of the book review assignments, the Tomes reading has been moved to 3/11/13. The 2/25/13 meeting will include our Finger discussion and further development of final paper ideas using Belcher and Murray resources.*

- Finger, Simon *The Contagious City*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2012.
[Book Review & Presentation: Dayle]
- Tomes moved to 3/11/13 (below).

March 11, 2013:

- Tomes, Nancy. *The Gospel of Germs: Men, Women, and the Microbe in American Life*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1998.
[Book Review & Presentation: Amelia]
- Leavitt, Judith Walzer. *Typhoid Mary: Captive to the Public's Health*. Boston: Beacon Press, 1996.
[Book Review & Presentation: James]

March 25, 2013: NO MEETING – SPRING RECESS

April 8, 2013 [No meeting on 4/1/13 due to UW Faculty Senate.]:

- Colgrove, James. *State of Immunity: The Politics of Vaccination in Twentieth-Century America*. Berkeley and Los Angeles, CA: University of California Press, 2006.
[Book Review & Presentation: Anna]

April 15, 2013:

- Natalia Molina, *Fit to Be Citizens: Public Health and Race in Los Angeles, 1879-1939*. Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press, 2006.
[Book Review & Presentation: Amelia]

April 29, 2013:

- Inrig, Stephen J. *North Carolina and the Problem of AIDS*. Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina Press, 2011. [Book Review & Presentation: Anna]
- Fairchild, Amy L., Ronald Bayer, and James Colgrove. *Searching Eyes: Privacy, the State, and Disease Surveillance in America*. Berkeley and Los Angeles, CA: University of California Press, 2007. [Book Review & Presentation: James]

DATE TBA [No meeting on 5/6/13 due to UW Faculty Senate. We'll vote in order to determine a make-up date during the week of 5/6/13.]: Paper workshop session.

Assignments:

Each Session:

- (1) Written analysis of book to be shared with discussion section in the form of an academic book review. (See “Description & Resources” below.)
- (2) Informal oral presentation of book review to discussion section.

March 11 – Paper Abstract and Preliminary Source List (1 page) Due (Circulate to group via e-mail before class.)

May 17 – Final Papers Due (Submit to Dayle via e-mail as a PDF file by 11:59:59 pm.)

Additional Resources:

Murray, Rowena. *Writing for Academic Journals*. Maidenhead, UK: Open University Press, 2005. [MH/HS 709 course library in MSC 1135.]

Selected handouts identified and distributed throughout the semester during contact hours and via Learn@UW.

Academic book review guides listed below.

MH/HS 709: Graduate Discussion Section Book Reviews – Description & Resources

Per the schedule above, each student in the discussion section will prepare two academic book reviews over the course of the semester. In keeping with standard practices of most medical history journals – which are similar to the guidelines of many journals in the medical social sciences – these book reviews are to be between 700 and 1,000 words, including footnotes/endnotes, and should conform to the Chicago Manual of Style, 15th or 16th Edition (<http://researchguides.library.wisc.edu/content.php?pid=55110&sid=403480>).

For further guidelines about writing academic book reviews – which we will discuss further – please consult the following resources:

- “Writing the Academic Book Review” by Wendy Laura Belcher (Princeton University): <http://www.wendybelcher.com/pages/documents/WritingtheAcademicBookReview.pdf>
[Belcher handout provided in class and in Learn@UW.]
- “Writing Book Reviews” by Alan Brizee of the Online Writing Lab (OWL) at Purdue University:
<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/704/1/>
[Handout provided in class and in Learn@UW.]

For further guidelines about how to use the Chicago Manual of Style guidelines for any citations used in your book review, please consult:

- “Chicago Style – Citing Sources” at Lisa Saywell’s *Introduction to Historical Research* (UW-Madison):
<http://researchguides.library.wisc.edu/content.php?pid=55110&sid=403480>

For sample book reviews, please use the UW-Madison Libraries' online search engines to locate full-text copies of the following journals, each issue of which contains representative book reviews:

- *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*
- *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences*
- *Medical History*
- *Social Studies of Science*

OTHER USEFUL ONLINE RESOURCES:

Additional Considerations [including thoughts about the pitfalls of book reviews for grad students & pre-tenure academics]:

- “Writing Book Reviews” from the PGR Doc Blog (University of Manchester, UK):
<http://pgrdocblog.wordpress.com/2010/06/02/writing-book-reviews/>
- “Assistant Proffie Andy Asks Questions about Book Reviews” from the famed *Historiann* Blog:
<http://www.historiann.com/2010/01/24/assistant-proffie-andy-asks-questions-about-book-reviews/>

More on the Mechanics of Writing Book Reviews in Many Genres:

- “Book Reviews” from The Writing Center at UNC Chapel Hill:
<http://writingcenter.unc.edu/handouts/book-reviews/>
- General Guidelines (Los Angeles Valley College [yes, really!]):
<http://www.lavc.edu/Library/bookreview.htm>

