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## **Doctors and Delusions: Madness and Medicine in the Modern Era**

Welcome! This course examines the relationship between insanity and its social and historical contexts between the 18th-century birth of the asylum and contemporary debates about depression and psychopharmacology. Major themes include the shifting meanings of madness for social categories like class, race, and gender. While the principal focus will be the place of madness and psychiatry in Western medicine, comparisons with Africa and Asia will also play a role in the course.

We will examine the history of madness through a close reading of medical, sociological, philosophical, and popular literature. Focused readings of these texts will help reveal changes in social, medical, and aesthetic views on psychopathology in the modern period, providing a basis for understanding the place of madness in the contemporary world.

Our meetings will include both lecture and discussion. Your attendance and informed participation are therefore crucial both to the group and to your performance in the class. These therefore constitute 10 % of your final grade. Written work includes three papers (4-6 pp.) based on selected readings, each of which constitutes 30 % of your grade.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, I urge any student with a disability to inform me as soon as possible, so that I may make any necessary accommodations. All such requests are confidential.

Students are expected to familiarize themselves with UW policies on plagiarism and to assume full responsibility for academic integrity for all coursework.

*Required Texts:*

Sigmund Freud, Five Lectures on Psycho-Analysis.

Sigmund Freud, Three Case Histories.

Pat Barker, Regeneration.

Nathaniel Lachenmeyer, The Outsider: A Journey into My Father's Struggle with Madness (*Middleton Health Sciences Reserve*).

\* Readings marked with an asterisk are available at [mywebspace.wisc.edu/rckeller/web/543](http://mywebspace.wisc.edu/rckeller/web/543). In my experience, this works more quickly and efficiently than Learn@UW.

## Class Schedule

Sept. 6—Course Introduction

Sept. 8—Madness and Healing before Psychiatry

\* Roy Porter, *Madness: A Brief History* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2002), 34-61.

Sept. 13—Unchaining the Mad

\* Philippe Pinel, *A Treatise on Insanity*, trans. by D.D. Davis (Sheffield: W. Todd, 1806), 48-109.

\* Samuel Tuke, *Description of the Retreat, an Institution Near York, for Insane Persons* (London: Alexander, 1813), v-xiii, 131-162.

Sept. 15—Liberation or Confinement? Criticism of the Moral Treatment

\* Michel Foucault, “The Great Confinement” and “The Birth of the Asylum,” in Paul Rabinow, ed., *The Foucault Reader* (New York: Pantheon, 1984), 124-67.

Sept. 20—Boundary Disputes: Psychiatry, Religion, and Responsibility

\* Ann Goldberg, “Religious Madness in the Vormärz” and “Religious Madness and the Formation of Patients,” in *Sex, Religion, and the Making of Modern Madness: The Eberbach Asylum and German Society, 1815-1849* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1999), 35-82.

Sept. 22—Sex, Gender, and Pathology in the Victorian Era

\* John Connolly, “The Treatment of the Insane without Mechanical Restraints,” in C. Thompson, ed., *The Origins of Modern Psychiatry* (New York: Wiley, 1987), 7-10.

\* Elaine Showalter, *The Female Malady: Women, Madness, and English Culture, 1830-1980* (New York: Vintage, 1985), 51-73.

Sept. 27—Film: *The Yellow Wallpaper* (1989)

Sept. 29— Passion and Restraint: Neurasthenia, Gender, and Modernity

\* Charlotte Perkins Gilman, *The Yellow Wallpaper and Other Stories* (New York: Dover, 1997), 1-15.

\* Elaine Showalter, *The Female Malady*, 121-44.

Oct. 4— Crime, Madness, and Politics: Psychiatry and Degeneration

\* Cesare Lombroso, *Crime, Its Causes, and Remedies* (Boston: Little, Brown, 1912), 151-74.

\* Elaine Showalter, *The Female Malady*, 101-120.

FIRST PAPER DUE IN CLASS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

Oct. 6— Hysteria and the “Talking Cure”

Sigmund Freud, *Five Lectures on Psychoanalysis*.

Oct. 11—Psychoanalysis in Context: The Wolf Man

Freud, *Three Case Histories*, 161-218

Oct. 13—Narrative and Cure

Freud, *Three Case Histories*, 219-80

Oct. 18—War, Trauma, and Hysteria

Pat Barker, *Regeneration*, 1-145

Oct. 20—Reason and Madness at War

Barker, *Regeneration*, 149-250

Oct. 25— Schizophrenia: Psychosis and its Canvas

\* Eugen Bleuler, “The Fundamental Symptoms of Dementia Praecox or the Group of Schizophrenias,” in C. Thompson, ed., *The Origins of Modern Psychiatry* (New York: Wiley, 1987), 165-201.

Oct. 27—“Primitivism” and the Dangers of “Deculturation”

\* Lucien Lévy-Bruhl, *Primitive Mentality*, trans. by Lillian A. Clare (New York: MacMillan, 1923), 21-33.

\* Megan Vaughn, *Curing their Ills: Colonial Power and African Illness* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1991), 100-128.

Nov. 1— Psychiatry, Social Work, and the Urban Landscape

\* Elizabeth Lunbeck, *The Psychiatric Persuasion: Knowledge, Gender, and Power in Modern America* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1993), 11-24, 81-113.

Nov. 3— Mental Hygiene and Social Fitness

\* William A. White, "Underlying Concepts in Mental Hygiene," *Mental Hygiene* 1 (1919): 7-15.

Nov. 8— From Eugenics to Euthanasia: Psychiatry and the State in Nazi Germany

\* Michael Burleigh, *Ethics and Extermination: Reflections on Nazi Genocide* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1997), 113-29.

Nov. 10—Film: *Selling Murder*

Nov. 15— Somatic Psychiatry and New Paradigms: Electroshock and Psychosurgery

\* Ugo Cerletti, "Old and New Information About Electroshock," *American Journal of Psychiatry* 107 (1950): 87-94.

\* Walter Freeman and James W. Watts, "Prefrontal Lobotomy in the Treatment of Mental Disorders," *Southern Medical Journal* 30, no. 1 (1937): 23-31.

Nov. 17— Explaining the Turn: State Hospitals and Psychiatry in Crisis

\* Jack D. Pressman, *Last Resort: Psychosurgery and the Limits of Medicine* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1998), 147-93.

Nov. 22— Chemical Straitjackets

\* Jean Thuillier, *Ten Years that Changed the Face of Mental Illness* (London: Martin Dunitz, 1999), 103-53.

SECOND PAPER DUE IN CLASS TUES., NOV. 22

Nov. 24— NO CLASS—THANKSGIVING DAY

Nov. 29—The Counterculture, Protest, and “Antipsychiatry”

- \* D.L. Rosenhan, “On Being Sane in Insane Places,” *Science*, New Series 179 (Jan. 19, 1973), 250-58.

Dec. 1—Literature, Madness, and Resistance

- \* Sylvia Plath, *Johnny Panic and the Bible of Dreams and Other Prose Writings* (London: Faber and Faber, 1977), 23-39.

Dec. 6—Between the Street and the Prison

- \* Tanya Luhrmann, “The Street Will Drive You Crazy”: Why Homeless Psychotic Women in the Institutional Circuit in the United States Often Say No to Offers of Help,” *American Journal of Psychiatry* 15 (1987): 15-20.

- \* Lorna A. Rhodes, *Total Confinement: Madness and Reason in the Maximum Security Prison* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2004), pp. 99-130.

Dec. 8—Schizophrenia

- Nathaniel Lachenmeyer, *The Outsider: A Journey into My Father's Struggle with Madness*.

Dec. 13—Depression

- \* Andrew Solomon, “Anatomy of Melancholy,” *The New Yorker* (Jan. 12, 1998): 46-61.

- \* Peter D. Kramer, *Listening to Prozac* (New York: Penguin, 1993): ix-21, 47-66.

Dec. 15—Culture-Bound Syndromes

- \* Lawrence Osborne, “Regional Disturbances,” *The New York Times Magazine* (May 6, 2001): 98-102.

FINAL PAPER DUE 17 DECEMBER NO LATER THAN 2:25 PM IN MY MAILBOX.