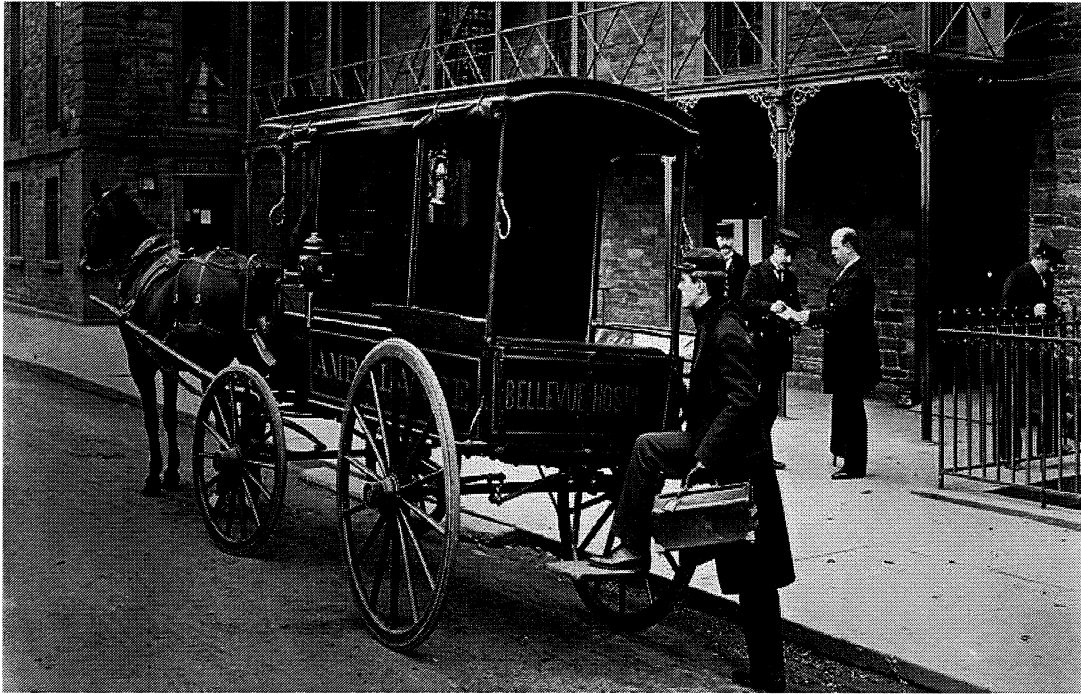


HEALTH CARE AND SOCIETY IN AMERICAN HISTORY

History of Medicine 504

Mondays and Wednesdays, 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM, 1010 MSC

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This course will explore the political, social, and cultural elements that influenced major developments in the history of medicine and health care in the United States from the 18th century to the 21st century. It is divided into two sections. The first explores interactions between ailers and healers by focusing on three themes: medical epistemology, or the theories of health and disease that created a shared viewpoint between patient and practitioner; medical environments, or the physical spaces in which such interactions took place; and medicine as practiced by or for specific populations, namely women, children, the elderly, Native Americans, and African Americans. The second section explores medical issues at the societal level by focusing on four themes: the professionalization of medicine, institutional medicine, health insurance, and historical evaluation of medicine's impact on population health. Whenever it is appropriate, we will also discuss how historical events have shaped current problems in medicine and public health. In addition to surveying the history of American medicine, this course has a significant information literacy component. It will introduce you to the historian's craft and in particular the techniques use to identify, locate, analyze, and synthesize historical sources. History is not something passively received; it is actively constructed through a process that, though at times tedious and painstaking, is often quite fun. This course will allow you to participate in that process and teach you skills that are relevant, even critical, to numerous endeavors besides history.

REQUIREMENTS & GRADING

This course consists of two lecture-seminar meetings each week. The bulk of our meeting time will be devoted to discussion and activities, but I will supplement each conversation with brief lectures to help you situate the various topics within a larger narrative.

Assessment

Final grades will be determined as follows:

Attendance & Participation	25%
Short Assignments	20%
Mid-Term Exam	15%
Final Exam	15%
Final Paper	25%

Attendance & Participation: Attendance and participation are mandatory. You may miss *two* classes in the course of the semester for which you will not be penalized and need not inform me in advance. Excepting these two, if for some reason you know you will be unable to attend class, you must inform me ahead of time so that I can make alternate arrangements with you. For every unexplained absence after the first two, you will be docked one-half letter grade (e.g., from an AB to a B). Classes will require *substantial* student involvement, so you must come to class having completed all assignments and ready to participate in activities and open discussion.

Short Assignments: Most weeks you will be given short in-class and homework assignments. Late assignments will not be accepted, nor can assignments be made up, but you may drop your two lowest scores.

Exams: The mid-term and final exams will be in-class, short-answer tests. The final exam is not cumulative, and will cover only the material from the second half of the course.

Final Paper: At the end of the course, you will submit a final paper (details will be discussed in class). This paper will be based on course materials and original research, and it should be 6-10 double-spaced pages in length (excepting footnotes and bibliography).

Accommodation of Student Needs

Deadline extensions will only be granted if requested *before* the due date. Legitimate reasons include religious observances, serious illness, family emergencies, or an unusually crammed exam schedule.

If you have an eligible disability that affects your performance in this course, I will gladly make reasonable accommodations. Please contact me as soon as possible to ensure that you get the consideration you require.

COURSE MATERIALS

There are no required texts for this course. All readings and other assignments will be available through the class portal at <https://courses.lss.wisc.edu/mhb504/>.

Although there are no required texts, you may find the following books helpful:

Paul Starr, *The Social Transformation of American Medicine* (1982)

John Duffy, *From Humors to Medical Science: A History of American Medicine*, 2nd Edition (1993)

Judith Walzer Leavitt and Ronald L. Numbers, eds., *Sickness and Health in America: Readings in the History of Medicine and Public Health*, 3rd Edition (1997)

John Harley Warner and Janet A. Tighe, eds., *Major Problems in the History of American Medicine and Public Health* (2001)

William G. Rothstein, ed., *Readings In American Health Care: Current Issues In Socio-Historical Perspective* (1995)

Norman Gevitz, ed., *Other Healers: Unorthodox Medicine in America* (1988)

In addition to reading assignments, there is an online module, also available through the class portal, which will guide you through the process of conceptualizing, researching, writing, and editing a work of history.

SCHEDULE

September	5	Introduction
		<i>Medical Epistemology</i>
	10	Medical Theory in the 18 th Century
	12	Natural Medicine
	17	Religious Healing
	19	Osteopathy & Chiropracty
	24	Surgery
October	26	Cosmetic Medicine & Body Modification
	1	Well Care & Medicalization
		<i>Medical Environments</i>
	3	Domestic Medicine
	8	Rural Medicine
	10	The Dispensary & The Hospital
		<i>Medicine in Specific Populations</i>
	15	Midwifery & Women's Medicine
	17	Pediatrics & Geriatrics
	22	Native-American Medicine
	24	African-American Medicine
	29	Mid-term Exam
		<i>Professionalization of Medicine</i>
	31	Medical Licensing
November	5	Medical Education
	7	Medical Specialization
	12	Medical Research
	14	Medical Ethics
		<i>Institutional Medicine</i>
	19	School Medicine
	21	Thanksgiving (No Class)
	26	Military Medicine
	28	Prison & Asylum Medicine
December	3	Industrial Medicine
		<i>Health Insurance</i>
	5	From Workingmen's Funds to Medicare & Medicaid
	10	The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
		<i>Effects of Medicine</i>
	12	The Mortality Turn & The Impact of Medicine on Health
TBA		Final Exam

READING ASSIGNMENTS

- Mon 9/10 Medical Theory in the 18th Century**
John Duffy, *From Humors to Medical Science: A History of American Medicine*, 2nd Ed. (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1993), 13-30.
Cotton Mather, *The Angel of Bethesda* [1724], ed. Gordon W. Jones (Barre, MA: American Antiquarian Society, 1972), 43-48.
James Craik & Elisha C. Dick, "George Washington's Physicians Narrate His Final Illness and Death, 1799," in *Major Problems in the History of American Medicine and Public Health*, ed. John Harley Warner & Janet A. Tighe (Boston: Wadsworth, 2001), 57-58.
- Wed 9/12 Natural Medicine**
James C. Whorton, *Nature Cures: The History of Alternative Medicine in America* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2002), 25-48.
William G. Rothstein, *American Physicians in the Nineteenth Century: From Sects to Science* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1972), 152-70.
"Processes of Water Cure," *Water-Cure Journal* (15 December 1845): 17-21.
- Mon 9/17 Religious Healing**
Rennie B. Schoepflin, "Christian Science Healing in America," in *Other Healers: Unorthodox Medicine in America*, ed. Norman Gevitz (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1988), 192-214.
Donald W. Dayton, "The Rise of the Evangelical Healing Movement in the 19th Century," *Pneuma* 4, no. 1 (1982): 1-18.
- Wed 9/19 Osteopathy & Chiropractic**
Norman Gevitz, "Osteopathic Medicine: From Deviance to Difference," in *Other Healers: Unorthodox Medicine in America*, ed. Norman Gevitz (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1988), 124-56.
Steven C. Martin, "Chiropractic and the Social Context of Medical Technology, 1895-1925," *Technology & Culture* 34, no. 4 (1993): 808-34.
- Mon 9/24 Surgery**
John Duffy, *From Humors to Medical Science: A History of American Medicine*, 2nd Ed. (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1993), 95-119.
Gerald N. Grob, "The Rise and Decline of Tonsillectomy in Twentieth-Century America," *Journal of the History of Medicine & Allied Sciences* 62, no. 4 (2007): 383-421.
- Wed 9/26 Cosmetic Medicine & Body Modification**
Elizabeth Haiken, "The Making of the Modern Face: Cosmetic Surgery," *Social Research* 67, no. 1 (2000): 81-97.

Carl Elliott, "The Tyranny of Happiness: Ethics and Cosmetic Psychopharmacology," in *Enhancing Human Traits: Ethical and Social Implications*, ed. Erik Parens (Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press, 1998), 177-88.

Robert Steinbrook, "Surgery for Severe Obesity," *New England Journal of Medicine* (11 March 2004), 1075-79.

Mon 10/1

Well Care & Medicalization

Judith Walzer Leavitt, "The Growth of Medical Authority: Technology and Morals in Turn-of-the-Century Obstetrics," in *Women and Health in America: Historical Readings*, 2nd Ed., ed. Judith Walzer Leavitt (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 1999), 636-58.

Jeremy A. Greene, "The Abnormal and the Pathological: Cholesterol, Statins, and the Threshold of Disease," in *Medicating Modern America: Pharmaceutical Drugs in History*, ed. Andrea Tone & Elizabeth Watkins (New York: New York University Press, 2007), 183-228.

Wed 10/3

Domestic Medicine

Ronald L. Numbers, "Do-It-Yourself the Sectarian Way," in *Medicine without Doctors: Home Health Care in American History*, ed. Guenter B. Risse, Ronald L. Numbers, & Judith Walzer Leavitt (New York: Science History Publications, 1977), 49-72.

Marilyn Schultz Blackwell, "Keeping the 'Household Machine' Running: Attendant Nursing and Social Reform in the Progressive Era," *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* 74, no. 2 (2000): 241-64.

Mon 10/8

Rural Medicine

Judith Walzer Leavitt, "'A Worrying Profession': The Domestic Environment of Medical Practice in Mid-19th-Century America," *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* 69 (1995): 1-29.

Michael L. Berger, "The Influence of the Automobile on Rural Health Care, 1900-29," *Journal of the History of Medicine & Allied Sciences* 28, no. 4 (1973): 319-35.

Wed 10/10

The Dispensary & The Hospital

Charles E. Rosenberg, "Social Class and Medical Care in 19th-Century America: The Rise and Fall of the Dispensary," *Journal of the History of Medicine* 29 (1974): 32-54.

Morris J. Vogel, "The Transformation of the American Hospital, 1850-1920," in *Health Care in America: Essays in Social History*, ed. Susan Reverby and David Rosner (Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1979), 105-16.

Vanessa Northington Gamble, "Roots of the Black Hospital Reform Movement," in *Sickness and Health in America: Readings in the History of Medicine and Public Health*, 3rd Ed., ed. Judith Walzer Leavitt & Ronald L. Numbers (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 1997), 369-91.

- Mon 10/15** **Midwifery & Women's Medicine**
- Charlotte G. Borst, "The Training and Practice of Midwives: A Wisconsin Study," in *Women and Health in America: Historical Readings*, 2nd Ed., ed. Judith Walzer Leavitt (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 1999), 425-43.
- Regina Markell Morantz, "The 'Connecting Link': The Case for the Woman Doctor in 19th-Century America," in *Sickness and Health in America: Readings in the History of Medicine and Public Health*, 2nd Ed. Rev., ed. Judith Walzer Leavitt & Ronald L. Numbers (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 1985), 161-72.
- Wed 10/17** **Pediatrics & Geriatrics**
- Russell Viner, "Abraham Jacobi and the Origins of Scientific Pediatrics in America," in *Formative Years: Children's Health in the United States, 1880-2000*, ed. Alexandra Minna Stern and Howard Markel (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2002), 23-46.
- Ellen Schell, "The Origins of Geriatric Nursing: The Chronically Ill Elderly in Almshouses and Nursing Homes," *Nursing History Review* 1 (1993): 203-216.
- Mon 10/22** **Native-American Medicine**
- Virgil J. Vogel, *American Indian Medicine* (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1970), 24-27.
- Stephen J. Kunitz, "The History and Politics of US Health Care Policy for American Indians and Alaskan Natives," *American Journal of Public Health* 86, no. 10 (1996): 1464-73.
- Wed 10/24** **African-American Medicine**
- Todd L. Savitt, "Black Health on the Plantation: Masters, Slaves, and Physicians," *Medical Heritage* 2 (1986): 368-82.
- John S. Haller, Jr., "The Negro and the Southern Physician: A Study of Medical and Racial Attitudes, 1800-1860," *Medical History* 16, no. 3 (1972): 238-53.
- Todd L. Savitt, "Entering a White Profession: Black Physicians in the New South, 1880-1920," *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* 61, no. 4 (1987): 507-40.
- Wed 10/31** **Medical Licensing**
- "Medical Legislation," *Boston Medical and Surgical Journal* (24 May 1843): 323-24.
- Toby A. Appel, "The Thomsonian Movement, the Regular Profession, and the State in Antebellum Connecticut: A Case Study of the Repeal of Early Medical Licensing Laws," *Journal of the History of Medicine & Allied Sciences* 65, no. 2 (2010): 153-86.
- Samuel L. Baker, "Physician Licensure Laws in the United States, 1865-1915," *Journal of the History of Medicine* 39 (1984): 173-97.
- Mon 11/5** **Medical Education**
- Martin Kaufman, "American Medical Education," in *The Education of American*

Physicians: Historical Essays, ed. Ronald L. Numbers (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1980), 7-28.

Robert P. Hudson, "Abraham Flexner in Perspective: American Medical Education, 1865-1910," in *Sickness and Health in America: Readings in the History of Medicine and Public Health*, 2nd Ed. Rev., ed. Judith Walzer Leavitt & Ronald L. Numbers (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 1985), 148-58.

A. R. Ruis & Robert N. Golden, "'The Schism between Medical and Public Health Education: A Historical Perspective,'" *Academic Medicine* 83, no. 12 (2008): 1153-57.

Wed 11/7

Medical Specialization

Stanley Joel Reiser, *Medicine and the Reign of Technology* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1978), 144-157.

Edward T. Morman, "Clinical Pathology in America, 1865-1915: Philadelphia as a Test Case," *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* 58, no. 2 (1984): 198-215.

Mon 11/12

Medical Research

Susan E. Lederer, "The Tuskegee Syphilis Study in the Context of American Medical Research," in *Tuskegee's Truths: Rethinking the Tuskegee Syphilis Study*, ed. Susan M. Reverby (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2000), 266-75.

David S. Jones, "The Health Care Experiments at Many Farms: The Navajo, Tuberculosis, and the Limits of Modern Medicine, 1952-1962," *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* 76, no. 4 (2002): 749-90.

Wed 11/14

Medical Ethics

Dale C. Smith, "The Hippocratic Oath and Modern Medicine," *Journal of the History of Medicine & Allied Sciences* 51, no. 4 (1996): 484-500.

Patrick Wallis, "Debating a Duty to Treat: AIDS and the Professional Ethics of American Medicine," *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* 85, no. 4 (2011): 620-49.

Mon 11/19

School Medicine

Ernest Bryant Hoag & Lewis M. Terman, *Health Work in the Schools* (Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co., 1914), 48-61 & 109-24.

Stephen Woolworth, "A Radical Proposition: The Brief but Exceptional History of the Seattle School Clinic, 1914-21," *Journal of the History of Medicine & Allied Sciences* [In press]

Mon 11/26

Military Medicine

Beth Linker, "Feet for Fighting: Locating Disability and Social Medicine in First World War America," *Social History of Medicine* 20, no. 1 (2007): 91-109.

Hans Pols, "War Neurosis, Adjustment Problems in Veterans, and an Ill Nation: The Disciplinary Project of American Psychiatry during and after World War

II," *Osiris* 22 (2007): 72-92.

Catherine L. Annas & George J. Annas, "Enhancing the Fighting Force: Medical Research on American Soldiers," *Journal of Contemporary Health Policy & Law* 25, no. 2 (2009): 283-308.

Wed 11/28

Prison & Asylum Medicine

Dorothea Dix, "Reformer Dorothea Dix Calls on Tennessee Legislators to Turn State Insane Asylum into a 'Curative' Hospital, 1847," in *Major Problems in the History of American Medicine and Public Health*, ed. John Harley Warner & Janet A. Tighe (Boston: Wadsworth, 2001), 99-101.

Gerald N. Grob, "Mental Health Policy in America: Myths and Realities," *Health Affairs* 11, no. 3 (1992): 7-22.

Allen M. Hornblum, *Acres of Skin: Human Experiments at Holmesburg Prison* (New York: Routledge, 1999), 3-28.

Mon 12/3

Industrial Medicine

Angela Nugent, "Fit for Work: The Introduction of Physical Examinations in Industry," in *Readings in American Health Care: Current Issues in Socio-Historical Perspective*, ed. William G. Rothstein (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 1995), 40-52.

Christopher Sellers, "The Public Health Service's Office of Industrial Hygiene and the Transformation of Industrial Medicine," *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* 65, no. 1 (1991): 42-73.

Wed 12/5

From Workingmen's Funds to Medicare & Medicaid

Ronald L. Numbers, "The Third Party: Health Insurance in America," in *Sickness and Health in America: Readings in the History of Medicine and Public Health*, 2nd Ed. Rev., ed. Judith Walzer Leavitt & Ronald L. Numbers (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 1985), 233-47.

Rashi Fein, "Medical Care, Medical Costs: The Search for a Health Insurance Policy," in *Readings in American Health Care: Current Issues in Socio-Historical Perspective*, ed. William G. Rothstein (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 1995), 307-14.

Mon 12/10

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

Elenora E. Connors & Lawrence O. Gostin, "Health Care Reform—A Historic Moment in US Social Policy," *Journal of the American Medical Association* 303, no. 24 (2010): 2521-22.

Wed 12/12

The Mortality Turn & The Impact of Medicine on Health

James Colgrove, "The McKeown Thesis: A Historical Controversy and Its Enduring Influence," *American Journal of Public Health* 92, no. 5 (2002): 725-29.

Allan M. Brandt, "'Just Say No': Risk, Behavior, and Disease in Twentieth-Century America," in *Scientific Authority and Twentieth-Century America*, ed. Ronald

G. Walters (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1997), 82-98.