

SOCIETY AND HEALTH CARE IN AMERICAN HISTORY

History of Medicine 504

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Class Times: Mondays & Wednesdays, 11:00-12:15

Place: 1010 MSC, 1300 University Ave.

Credits: Three

Prerequisites: Junior standing and consent of instructor

Description: This course is designed to acquaint students with the history of health care in America. Although the focus will be on the past, efforts will be made to relate the past to the present.

Instruction: The course will consist of seminar discussions and short presentations by the instructor and students.

Requirements: All students are required to attend class, read (and perhaps summarize) the assigned materials, prepare a short research paper, give one oral report, and take a final written or oral examination. Undergraduates will write a research paper of 5-10 double-spaced, typed pages, based on primary sources; graduate-student papers may be twice as long.

Evaluation: Students will be evaluated primarily on the basis of their research papers and final examinations, with attendance, reading summaries, and participation in class playing a secondary role.

Textbooks: Available at the UW Bookstore and on reserve at the Helen C. White Library.

Judith Walzer Leavitt and Ronald L. Numbers, eds., Sickness and Health in America: Readings in the History of Medicine and Public Health, 3rd ed. (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 1997).

Paul Starr, The Social Transformation of American Medicine (New York: Basic Books, 1982).

Norman Gevitz, ed., Other Healers: Unorthodox Medicine in America (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1988).

To access additional readings:

1. my.wisc.edu (can click directly on "My UW" from the UW homepage)
2. click on "academics" tab at the top
3. go to "Library/Reserves by Department"
4. Find "Medical History and Bioethics" in the list; make sure the term selector box below is set for "spring 2007-2008"
5. Click on "show course list" - a list of all MHB courses comes up. The courses with electronic reserves for the current semester are indicated by a red box with a white +.
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SCHEDULE

January	23	Introduction
	29	Constructing Sickness and Health
	31	Researching and Writing Medical History (Ebling Library)
February	4	Medicine in the Old and New Worlds
	6	Professional Medicine
	11	Domestic Medicine
	13	Alternative Medicine
	18	Antebellum Medical Practice (paper proposals due)
	20	Scientific Medicine
	25	Medical Education
	27	Medical Research
March	3	Medical Ethics
	5	Religious Healers
	10	Midwives and Women Physicians
	12	Native American Healers
	17	SPRING BREAK
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	24	Osteopaths and Chiropractors (outlines due)
	26	No Class (schedule individual appointments)
April	31	A Medical Monopoly?
	2	Hospitals and Dispensaries
	7	Mental Institutions
	9	Public Health
	14	Private Lifestyle
	16	Mortality and Its Causes
	21	Health Insurance
	23	The Medical-Industrial Complex
May	28	The Status and Image of Physicians
	30	Medicalization and Demedicalization
	5	Student Reports (papers due)
	7	Student Reports

ASSIGNMENTS

January 29: *Constructing Sickness and Health:*

Bert Hansen, "American Physicians' 'Discovery' of Homosexuals, 1880-1900: A New Diagnosis in a Changing Society," Leavitt & Numbers, pp. 13-31.

Daniel M. Fox and Judith F. Stone, "Black Lung: Miners' Militancy and Medical Uncertainty, 1968-1972," Leavitt & Numbers, pp. 32-44.

February 4: *Medicine in the Old and New Worlds:*

Starr, pp. 30-47.

Eric H. Christianson, "Medicine in New England," Leavitt & Numbers, pp. 47-71.

February 6: *Professional Medicine:*

Robert B. Sullivan, "Sanguine Practices: A Historical and Historiographic Reconsideration of Heroic Therapy in the Age of Rush," Bulletin of the History of Medicine 68 (1994): 211-34.

John Harley Warner, "From Specificity to Universalism in Medical Therapeutics: Transformation in the 19th-Century United States," Leavitt & Numbers, pp. 87-101.

February 11: *Domestic Medicine:*

Starr, pp. 47-59.

Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, "Martha Moore Ballard and the Medical Challenge to Midwifery," Leavitt & Numbers, pp. 72-84.

William G. Rothstein, "The Botanical Movements and Orthodox Medicine," Gevitz, pp. 29-51.

February 13: *Alternative Medicine:*

Starr, pp. 93-112.

Susan E. Cayleff, "Gender, Ideology, and the Water-Cure Movement," Gevitz, pp. 82-98.

Martin Kaufman, "Homeopathy in America: The Rise and Fall and Persistence of a Medical Heresy," Gevitz, pp. 99-123.

February 18: *Antebellum Medical Practice:*

Starr, pp. 60-78.

Todd L. Savitt, "Black Health on the Plantation: Masters, Slaves, and Physicians," Leavitt & Numbers, pp. 351-368.

Steven M. Stowe, "Seeing Themselves at Work: Physicians and the Case Narrative in the Mid-19th-Century American South," Leavitt & Numbers, pp. 161-186.

February 20: *Scientific Medicine:*

Starr, pp. 198-232.

Bert Hansen, "New Images of a New Medicine: Visual Evidence for Widespread Popularity of Therapeutic Discoveries in America after 1885," Bulletin of the History of Medicine 73 (1999): 629-678.

February 25: *Medical Education:*

Starr, pp. 112-127.

Robert P. Hudson, "Abraham Flexner in Perspective: American Medical Education, 1865-1910," Leavitt & Numbers, pp. 200-210.

Todd L. Savitt, "Abraham Flexner and the Black Medical Schools," in Beyond Flexner: Medical Education in the Twentieth Century, Barbara Barzansky and Norman Gevitz, eds. (New York: Greenwood, 1992), 65-81.

February 27: *Medical Research:*

Gerald L. Geison, "Divided We Stand: Physiologists and Clinicians in the American Context," Leavitt & Numbers, pp. 115-129.

Ronald L. Numbers and John Harley Warner, "The Maturation of American Medical Science," Leavitt & Numbers, pp. 130-142.

March 3: *Medical Ethics:*

Todd L. Savitt, "The Use of Blacks for Medical Experimentation and Demonstration in the Old South," Journal of Southern History 48 (1982): 331-48.

Susan E. Lederer, "The Controversy over Animal Experimentation in America, 1880-1914," in Vivisection in Historical Perspective, ed. Nicolaas A. Rupke (London: Croom Helm, 1987), pp. 236-58.

Allan M. Brandt, "Racism and Research: The Case of the Tuskegee Syphilis Study," Leavitt & Numbers, pp. 392-404.

March 5: *Religious Healers:*

Rennie B. Schoepflin, "Christian Science Healing in America," Gevitz, pp. 192-214.

David Edwin Harrell, Jr., "Divine Healing in Modern American Protestantism," Gevitz, pp. 215-227.

March 10: *Midwives and Women Physicians:*

Charlotte G. Borst, "The Training and Practice of Midwives: A Wisconsin Study," Leavitt & Numbers, pp. 237-252.

Regina Markell Morantz-Sanchez, "The 'Connecting Link': The Case for the Woman Doctor in 19th-Century America," Leavitt & Numbers, pp. 213-224.

March 12: *Native American Healers:*

Stephen J. Kunitz, "The History and Politics of US Health Care Policy for American Indians and Alaskan Natives," American Journal of Public Health 86 (1996): 1464-1473.

March 24: *Osteopaths and Chiropractors:*

Norman Gevitz, "Osteopathic Medicine: From Deviance to Difference," Gevitz, pp. 124-156.

Walter I. Wardwell, "Chiropractors: Evolution to Acceptance," Gevitz, pp. 157-191.

March 26: **NO CLASS**

March 31: *A Medical Monopoly?:*

Ronald L. Numbers, "The Fall and Rise of the American Medical Profession," Leavitt & Numbers, pp. 225-236.

Norman Gevitz, "Autonomous Profession or Medical Specialty: The Stomatological Movement and American Dentistry," Bulletin of the History of Medicine 62 (1988): 407-428.

April 2: *Hospitals and Dispensaries:*

Starr, pp. 145-179.

Vanessa Northington Gamble, "Roots of the Black Hospital Reform Movement," Leavitt & Numbers, pp. 369-391.

Charles E. Rosenberg, "Social Class and Medical Care in 19th-Century America: The Rise and Fall of the Dispensary," Leavitt & Numbers, pp. 309-322.

Morris J. Vogel, "Patrons, Practitioners, and Patients: The Voluntary Hospital in Mid-Victorian Boston," Leavitt & Numbers, pp. 323-333.

April 7: ***Mental Institutions:***

Gerald N. Grob, "The Severely and Chronically Mentally Ill in America: Retrospect and Prospect," Leavitt & Numbers, pp. 334-348.

April 9: ***Public Health:***

Starr, pp. 180-197.

John Duffy, "Social Impact of Disease in the Late 19th Century," Leavitt & Numbers, pp. 418-425.

Allan M. Brandt, "AIDS in Historical Perspective: Four Lessons from the History of Sexually Transmitted Diseases," Leavitt & Numbers, pp. 426-434.

April 14: ***Private Lifestyle:***

Nancy Tomes, "The Private Side of Public Health: Sanitary Science, Domestic Hygiene, and the Germ Theory, 1870-1900," Leavitt & Numbers, pp. 506-528.

Allan M. Brandt, "The Cigarette, Risk, and American Culture," Leavitt & Numbers, pp. 494-505.

April 16: ***Mortality and Its Causes:***

Gerald N. Grob, "Disease and Environment in American History," in Handbook of Health, Health Care, and the Health Professions, ed. David Mechanic (New York: Free Press, 1983), pp. 3-22.

Gretchen A. Condran, Henry Williams, and Rose A. Cheney, "The Decline in Mortality in Philadelphia from 1870 to 1930: The Role of Municipal Services," Leavitt & Numbers, pp. 452-466.

John Parascandola, "The Introduction of Antibiotics into Therapeutics," Leavitt & Numbers, pp. 102-112.

April 21: ***Health Insurance:***

Starr, pp. 290-334.

Ronald L. Numbers, "The Third Party: Health Insurance in America," Leavitt & Numbers, pp. 269-283.

April 23: ***The Medical-Industrial Complex:***

Starr, pp. 379-449.

April 28: *The Status and Image of Physicians:*

Starr, pp. 79-92, 127-144.

John C. Burnham, "American Medicine's Golden Age: What Happened to It?" Leavitt & Numbers, pp. 284-294.

April 30: *Medicalization and Demedicalization:*

Judith Walzer Leavitt, "Birthing and Anesthesia: The Debate Over Twilight Sleep," Signs 6 (1980): 147-164.

Judith Houck, "The Medicalization of Menopause in America, 1897-2000: Mapping the Terrain," in Controversies in Science and Technology: From Maize to Menopause ed. Daniel Lee Kleinman, Abby J. Kinchy, and Jo Handelsman (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 2005), 198-218.