

Medical History & Bioethics 919

GOOD & GREAT BOOKS IN THE HISTORY OF AMERICAN MEDICINE
AND PUBLIC HEALTH

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TIME & PLACE: Tuesday afternoons from 12:00 to 2:00 in the Department of Medical History & Bioethics conference room (Room 1490, MSC, 1300 University Ave.).

DESCRIPTION: Each week during the semester we will read an assigned book (see below). Each student in the seminar will assume responsibility for leading at least one class discussion, will serve as a backup for a second discussion, will write a review (suitable for publication in the *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*) of one of the assigned books (due one week after the discussion of that book), and will write a final historiographical essay of no more than ten double-spaced, typed pages. The last assignment can focus on (1) an approved topic of interest to the student or (2) an explanation of how the assigned books reinforce or modify the narrative of American medicine presented in the first half of Paul Starr's Pulitzer Prize-winning *The Social Transformation of American Medicine* (New York: Basic Books, 1982). Graduate students who have passed prelims are encouraged to register for the course. Their requirements are to keep up with the reading and come to seminar prepared to participate in the discussion; they are not required to do the written assignments.

Sept. 4 Charles E. Rosenberg, *The Cholera Years: The United States in 1832, 1849, and 1866* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1962).

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

Sept. 11 David S. Jones, *Rationalizing Epidemics: Meanings and Uses of American Indian Mortality since 1600* (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2004).

Sept. 18 Laurel Ulrich, *A Midwife's Tale: The Life of Martha Ballard, Based on Her Diary, 1785-1812* (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1990).

- Sept. 25 Jeremy A. Greene, *Prescribing by Numbers: Drugs and the Definition of Disease* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2007).
- Oct. 2 Arleen Tuchman, *Science Has No Sex: The Life of Marie Zakrzewska, M.D.* (The University of North Carolina Press, 2006).
- Oct. 9 Bert Hansen, *Picturing Medical Progress from Pasteur to Polio: A History of Mass Media Images and Popular Attitudes in America* (New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 2009).
- Oct. 16 Judith Walzer Leavitt, *Brought to Bed: Childbearing in America, 1750 to 1950* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1987).
- Oct. 23 Nancy Tomes, *The Gospel of Germs: Men, Women, and the Microbe in American Life* (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1998).
- Oct. 30 Jim Downs, *Sick from Freedom: African-American Illness and Suffering during the Civil War and Reconstruction* (New York: Oxford UP, 2012).
- Nov. 6 Leslie J. Reagan, *Dangerous Pregnancies: Mothers, Disabilities, and Abortion in Modern America* (Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press, 2010).
- Nov. 13 Gregg Mitman, *Breathing Space : An Ecological History of Allergy in America* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2006).
- Nov. 20 David M. Oshinsky, *Polio: An American Story* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2005).
- Nov. 27 Susan E. Lederer, *Flesh and Blood: Organ Transplantation and Blood Transfusion in Twentieth-Century America* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2008).
- Dec. 4 Susan M. Reverby, *Examining Tuskegee: The Infamous Syphilis Study and Its Legacy* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2009).
- Dec. 11 Allan M. Brandt, "The Cigarette, Risk, and American Culture," Leavitt & Numbers, *Sickness and Health in America*, pp. 494-505.
- David Rosner, "Trials and Tribulations: What Happens When Historians Enter the Courtroom," *Law and Contemporary Problems* 72 (Winter 2009): 137-58.
- Robert N. Proctor, *Golden Holocaust: Origins of the Cigarette Catastrophe and the Case for Abolition* (Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press, 2011), pp. 459-81.

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Charles E. Rosenberg, *The Cholera Years: The United States in 1832, 1849, and 1866* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1962). [Welch Medal]

George W. Corner, *A History of the Rockefeller Institute, 1901-1953: Origins and Growth* (New York: Rockefeller Institute Press, 1964).

Whitfield J. Bell, Jr., *John Morgan: Continental Doctor* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 1965). [Welch Medal]

Gerald N. Grob, *The State and the Mentally Ill: A History of the Worcester State Hospital* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1966). [Welch Medal a]

Saul Benison, *Tom Rivers: Reflections on a Life in Medicine and Science* (Cambridge, Mass.: M.I.T. Press, 1967). [Welch Medal]

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Norman Gevitz, *The D.O.'s: Osteopathic Medicine in America* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1982).

Judith Walzer Leavitt, *The Healthiest City: Milwaukee and the Politics of Health Reform* (Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press, 1982).

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James H. Cassedy, *American Medicine and Statistical Thinking, 1800-1860* (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1984). [Welch Medal a]

Regina Markell Morantz-Sanchez, *Sympathy and Science: Women Physicians in American Medicine* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1985).

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