

Cultural Motifs (Anth/Soc 300, Fall 2002)

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Course Statement

Cultural Motifs is a seminar that focuses on emergent themes and topical developments in the fields of anthropology and sociology. This semester this seminar will focus on the growing field of *medical sociology* and its applied contributions to the study and amelioration of the HIV/AIDS epidemic. We will begin the seminar by examining the structure and practice of medical sociology and then shift our focus to the sociological study of HIV/AIDS in Memphis. Our study of HIV/AIDS in Memphis will take the form of applied, service-learning experiences and library research on the evaluation of medical services for HIV/AIDS patients. Students will have the option of 1) being placed as research interns in local medical or social services organizations that provide services to Persons With HIV/AIDS (PWAs) or 2) conducting focused library research projects on the sociology of HIV/AIDS.

Required Texts

Medical Sociology. 2001 (8th edition) . William C. Cockerham.
Prentice Hall: Upper Saddle River, NJ.

AIDS and HIV in Perspective: A Guide to Understanding the Virus and its Consequences.
1999 (2nd edition). Barry D. Schoub. University Press: Cambridge, UK.

The Society and Population Health Reader. 1999. Ichiro Kawachi, Bruce P. Kennedy, and
Richard C. Wilkinson, eds. The New Press: New York.

You Get Past the Tears. 2002. Patricia Broadbent and Hydeia Broadbent
with Patricia Romanowski. Villard: New York.

Grading

Midterm essay exam	30%
Research component/paper	40%
Final exam	30%

Tuesday	8/29	Overview of seminar
Tuesday	9/3	Introduction to medical sociology and epidemiology (1 and 2 in Cockerham)
Thursday	9/5	An introduction to HIV/AIDS (Introduction and 1 in Schoub)
Tuesday	9/10	Health demography and the AIDS virus (3 in Cockerham and 2 in Schoub)
Thursday	9/12	Health behavior, lifestyles and virus transmission (5 in Cockerham and 4 in Schoub)
Tuesday	9/17	Testing and Treatment (5 and 6 in Schoub)
Thursday	9/19	Seminar does not meet/ individual conferences
Tuesday	9/24	Social stress and illness (4 and 6 in Cockerham)
Thursday	9/26	Ethics and the patient role (8 in Schoub and 8 in Cockerham)
Tuesday	10/1	Tracking the epidemic and future outlook (9 and 10 in Schoub)
Thursday	10/3	Doctor socialization and interaction (9 and 10 in Cockerham)
Tuesday	10/8	Hospitals and the organization of health care (11 and 13 in Cockerham)
Thursday	10/10	Health care delivery in US and abroad (14 and 16 in Cockerham)
Tuesday	10/15	Review
Thursday	10/17	Midterm essay exam
Tuesday	10/22	Fall Break
Thursday	10/24	Discussion of <i>You Get Past the Tears</i>

Tuesday	10/29	Social Inequality and health Introduction, 4 and 16 in Kawachi
Thursday	10/31	Social cohesion and health 17 and 18 in Kawachi
Tuesday	11/5	Social capital and health 20, 22, and 23 in Kawachi
Thursday	11/7	Environmental factors, stress and health 31 and 32 in Kawachi
Tuesday	11/12	Race and health inequalities 38 and 40 in Kawachi
Thursday	11/14	Seminar does not meet/ individual conferences
Tuesday	11/19	Seminar discussion of research projects
Thursday	11/21	Seminar does not meet/ individual conferences
Tuesday	11/26	Seminar discussion of research projects
Thursday	11/28	Thanksgiving break
Tuesday	12/3	Presentations of research
Thursday	12/5	Presentations of research
Tuesday	12/10	Final seminar meeting / review for final exam