

Anthropology 709: Medical Anthropology

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This seminar will provide the opportunity to read some of the most innovative recent works in medical and psychological anthropology. Topics to be discussed include personhood and the brain; the social and cultural consequences of new medical technologies (including physician assisted suicide, organ transplantation); madness, trauma and recovery; the cultural shaping of self, emotion and gender; the anthropology of care; and the significance of data in global health policy. The course will be structured around seminar discussion.

For weeks when an ethnography is assigned, each student is responsible for reading **the entire book** and for handing in a five page (double-spaced 12 point font) discussion paper summarizing and critically evaluating the ethnography. The discussion paper should highlight the main points of the author's argument and formulate questions to be raised during seminar discussion. Secondary sources may be used, but the assigned course reading for the week should be the primary focus of the discussion paper. These papers are due in class each week that a book is assigned (Jan. 16, Jan. 30, Feb. 27, Mar. 12, Mar. 26).

For weeks when there are four journal articles assigned, each student will be responsible for thoroughly reading **one** of the journal articles and handing in a short two page paper due in class highlighting the main points of the article and critically evaluating its argument. The articles will be divided evenly among the class so that all articles are covered. The two students who read an article will jointly prepare a 20 minute presentation on the article for the rest of the seminar and lead discussion. Powerpoint may be used. Although it is only necessary to read thoroughly, write about and present one article, students are encouraged to skim the others (read the abstract, introduction and conclusion) to enable discussion.

In fairness to all seminar participants, late papers will NOT be accepted, because students who hand in their paper after the seminar can use content from the seminar discussion to write their paper, "free-riding" on the work of other seminar participants. Exceptions will be made for students with SAS accommodations; in those cases, the student will be asked to submit a detailed outline of their paper in class, and the final paper handed in later should not incorporate any material that was not mentioned on the outline. Example discussion papers will be posted on the *Avenue* site for the course.

Evaluation:

Discussion papers on ethnographies (5)	50%
Short papers on articles and presentations (6)	30%
Weekly discussion participation	20%

Texts

All books are available from the **Campus Store**. Journal articles are available on *Avenue to Learn*.

Cooking Data: Culture and Politics in an African Research World. Cal Biruk. Duke University Press, 2018.

Drugs for Life: How Pharmaceutical Companies Define Our Health. Joseph Dumit. Duke University Press, 2012.

Our Bodies Belong to God: Organ Transplants, Islam, and the Struggle for Human Dignity in Egypt. Sherine Hamdy. University of California Press, 2012.

Malignant: How Cancer Becomes Us. Lochlann Jain. University of California Press, 2013.

Our Most Troubling Madness: Case Studies in Schizophrenia Across Cultures. T.M. Luhrmann and Jocelyn Marrow, eds. University of California Press, 2016.

Syllabus and Bibliographic Details for Weekly Readings

Jan. 9: **Course Introduction** (presentation by instructor on her research)

Jan. 16: Biruk: ***Cooking Data***

Jan. 23: Angela Garcia: "The Elegiac Addict: History, Chronicity, and the Melancholic Subject." *Cultural Anthropology* 23:718-746, 2008.

"The Promise: On the Morality of the Marginal and the Illicit." *Ethos* 42:51-64, 2014.

"Serenity: Violence, Inequality, and Recover on the Edge of Mexico City." *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 29:455-472, 2015.

"The Blue Years: An Ethnography of a Prison Archive." *Cultural Anthropology* 31:571-594, 2016.

- Jan. 30: Dumit: ***Drugs for Life***
- Feb. 6: Margaret Lock: "Recovering the Body." *Annual Review of Anthropology* 46:1-14, 2017.
- Duana Fullwiley: "Revaluing Genetic Causation: Biology, Economy and Kinship in Dakar, Senegal." *American Ethnologist* 37:638-661, 2010.
- Anita Hardon and Emilia Sanabria: "Fluid Drugs: Revisiting the Anthropology of Pharmaceuticals." *Annual Review of Anthropology* 46:117-132, 2017.
- Tanya Marie Luhrmann et al. "Beyond Trauma: A Multiple Pathways Approach to Auditory Hallucinations in Clinical and Nonclinical Populations." *Schizophrenia Bulletin* 45: S24-S31, 2019.
- Feb. 13: Sofie Boldsen: "Toward a Phenomenological Account of Embodied Subjectivity in Autism." *Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry* 42:893-913, 2018.
- Olga Solomon et al.: "'You Can Turn off the Light If You'd Like': Pediatric Health Care Visits for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder as an Interactional Achievement." *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 29:531-555, 2015.
- Olga Solomon and Mary C. Lawlor: "*Beyond V40.31*: Narrative Phenomenology of Wandering in Autism and Dementia." *Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry* 42:206-243, 2018.
- Janelle S. Taylor: "Engaging with Dementia: Moral Experiments in Art and Friendship." *Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry* 41:284-303, 2017.
- Feb. 27: Jain: ***Malignant***
- Mar. 5: Tanya Marie Luhrmann et al.: "Toward An Anthropological Theory of Mind." *Suomen Antropologi: Journal of the Finnish Anthropological Society* 36(4), 2011.
- Christine N. El Ouardani: "Innocent or Intentional? Interpreting Oppositional Defiant Disorder in a Preschool Mental Health Clinic." *Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry* 41:94-110, 2017.
- Rebecca Lester: "Self-governance, Psychotherapy and the Subject of Managed Care: Internal Family Systems Therapy and the Multiple Self in a US Eating-Disorders Treatment Center." *American Ethnologist* 44:23-35, 2017.

- Mar. 12: Luhrmann and Marrow: *Our Most Troubling Madness*
- Mar. 19: Didier Fassin: "The Moral Economy of Childhood in the Times of AIDS," in *When People Come First: Critical Studies in Global Health*. João Biehl and Adriana Petryna, eds. Princeton University Press, pp. 109-129, 2013.
- Miriam Ticktin: "A World Without Innocence." *American Ethnologist* 44:577-590, 2017.
- Mara Buchbinder: "Choreographing Death: A Social Phenomenology of Medical Aid-in-Dying in the United States." *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 32:481-497, 2018.
- Mette N. Svendsen et al.: "A Life Worth Living: Temporality, Care and Personhood in the Danish Welfare State." *American Ethnologist* 45:20-33, 2018.
- Mar. 26: Hamdy: *Our Bodies Belong to God*
- Apr. 2: Thomas J. Csordas and Janis H. Jenkins: "Living with a Thousand Cuts: Self-Cutting, Agency and Mental Illness among Adolescents." *Ethos* 46:206-229, 2018.
- Janis H. Jenkins and Annika Stone: "Global Mental Health and Adolescent Anxiety: Kin, Care and Struggle in New Mexico." *Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry* 41:609-629, 2017.
- Ellen B. Rubenstein: "Extraordinary Care for Extraordinary Conditions: Constructing Parental Care for Serious Mental Illness in Japan." *Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry* 42:755-777, 2018.
- Kristin E. Yarris and Carolyn Ponting: "Moral Matters: Schizophrenia and Masculinity in Mexico." *Ethos* 47:35-53, 2019.
- Apr. 9: Janelle S. Taylor and Claire Wendland: "The Hidden Curriculum in Medicine's 'Culture of No Culture'." In *The Hidden Curriculum in Health Professional Education*. F. W. Hafferty and J. F. O'Donnell, eds. Dartmouth College Press, pp. 53-62, 2014.
- Whitney L. Duncan: "*Psicoeducación* in the Land of Magical Thoughts: Culture and Mental-Health Practice in a Changing Oaxaca." *American Ethnologist* 44:36-51, 2017.

Sylvie Fortin and Serge Maynard: "Diversity, Conflict, and Recognition in Hospital Medical Practice." *Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry* 42:32-48, 2018.

Anne M. Lovell and Lorna A. Rhodes: "Psychiatry with Teeth: Notes on Coercion and Control in France and the United States." *Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry* 38:618-622, 2014.