

Princeton University  
Department of Anthropology  
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**MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY**

ANT 335

M/W 11:00 am- 12:20 pm

Lewis Library 120

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**Course Description**

Medical Anthropology is a critical and people-centered investigation of affliction and therapeutics. It draws from approaches in anthropology and the medical humanities to understand the body-environment-medicine interface in a cross-cultural perspective. How do social processes determine disease and health in individuals and collectivities? How does culture surface in the seeking of treatment and the provision of medical care? What role do medical technologies and public interventions play in health outcomes? Which values inform medical theory and practice, and how might the humanities deepen our understanding of the realities of disease and care?

In the first half of the course, we will discuss topics such as: the relation of illness, subjectivity, and social experience; the logic of witchcraft; the healing efficacy of symbols and rituals; the art of caregiving and moral sensibility. We will also probe the reach and relevance of concepts such as the normal and the pathological, body techniques, discipline and normalization, medicalization, the nocebo and placebo effects, the mindful body, and the body politic. In the second half of the course, we will explore how scientific knowledge and medical technologies move from the laboratory to public health policy and popular culture, and from professional medicine to the intimate realm of bodily experience. How is medical science influenced by economic and political institutions and by patient mobilization? How do social markers of difference such as gender, ethnicity and race and patterns of economic inclusion and exclusion govern access to therapies and experiences of care? How do bioethical debates refract or unsettle the political economy of medicine and caregiving?

The course will introduce students to anthropological research methods. Students will learn to collect and interpret illness narratives, and to study differences in patterns of disease that afflict populations in both affluent and resource-poor contexts. The course draws from historical accounts, ethnographies, medical journals, media reports, nonfiction literature, and documentary films. Students will be asked to think, read, and write across genres, and to experiment with modes of expression as they inquire into the competing values undergirding health decision-making (personal and institutional) and the ways biosocial, medical, political, economic and ethical realities actively shape each other.

## **THIS IS AN INTERNET AND LAPTOP-FREE CLASS!**

**Please turn off ALL electronic devices before entering the classroom.**

**Checking personal email/facebook/etc during class time will affect your participation grade.**

### **Assignments/Grading**

The success of the course depends on your commitment to complete all required readings for each class meeting, to critically reflect on the readings, to participate actively in class discussions, and to creatively integrate these insights in the mid-term and final papers, which are meant to be an exploratory forum for your own medical anthropological interests. Grading will be based on:

- **Attendance and participation (10%).**
- **Weekly reports** with critical reflections that arise from close reading of class materials. Your reports must be turned in at the beginning of class in hard copy on the following days and should cover the materials assigned for that week: **February 9, 16, 25; March 5, 25; April 1, 8, 15, 27.** Though you are expected to complete all required reading, your report should be more than a summary of what you have read. Choose a specific theme, focus, or question to guide you in crafting a thoughtful response. Reports should demonstrate close reading and understanding of texts as well as critical engagement with core ideas. Claims and arguments should be supported, with clear writing and organization. The report should be no more than one double-spaced page, or 400 words, in length— please, adhere to these limits **(20%)**.
- **Midterm paper** (7 to 9 double-spaced pages plus page of references) analyzing an “illness narrative.” This can be based on: 1) an interview you conduct with a family member or friend who has experienced some health condition and/or treatment, biomedical or other (*highly recommended*); 2) your own illness narrative of a health experience you have had; 3) an illness narrative found in a memoir or autobiography. The paper has to incorporate course concepts to interpret and reflect on the illness narrative.

The assignment is due on March 13 and can be uploaded on blackboard until 11:59 pm **(25%)**. Late submissions will be penalized one full letter grade per day.

- **Final research paper** (8 to 10 double-spaced pages plus page of references) that explores in depth a health topic of your own interest, drawing especially on course readings and materials from the second part of the course. Suggestions include: 1) a paper based on a local health problem and based on field research in coordination with Princeton’s Community Based Learning Initiative (CBLI); 2) a paper addressing a contemporary disease and health policy OR the development and usage of a new medical technology; 3) an artistic project (audio-visual or creative writing) that explores a medical controversy or bioethical issues.

The final paper is due on May 12 (Dean’s Date) at 5 pm at 116 Aaron Burr Hall **(35%)**. Late submissions will be penalized one full letter grade per day.

- Two in-class quizzes (March 9 and April 22) **(10 %)**.

## **Course Materials**

The following required books will be on reserve at Firestone Library, and can be purchased at Labyrinth. Additional articles and book chapters can be downloaded from Blackboard's electronic reserve.

- Biehl, João. 2013. *Vita: Life in a Zone of Social Abandonment* (with a New Afterward). Berkeley: University of California Press.
- Fadiman, Anne. 2013. *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down: A Hmong Child, Her American Doctors, and the Collision of Two Cultures* (with a New Afterward). New York: Noonday Press.
- Lochlann Jain, S. 2013. *Malignant: How Cancer Becomes Us*. Berkeley: University of California Press.
- Petryna, Adriana. 2013. *Life Exposed: Biological Citizens after Chernobyl* (with a New Introduction). Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- Reynolds Whyte, Susan (ed). 2014. *Second Chances: Surviving AIDS in Uganda*. Durham: Duke University Press.
- Small, David. 2009. *Stitches: A Memoir*. New York: W.W. Norton.
- Wendland, Claire. 2010. *A Heart for the Work: Journeys through an African Medical School*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2010.

## **Office Hours**

- Professor João Biehl – Tuesdays 1:30-2:30 pm, 128 Aaron Burr Hall
- Bridget Purcell – Mondays 1:30-2:30 pm, East Pyne Cafe
- Kessie Alexandre – Wednesdays 3:00-4:00 pm, East Pyne Cafe
- Thalia Gigerenzer – Thursdays 3:00-4:00 pm, East Pyne Cafe

## February 2

### **Introduction to Medical Anthropology**

- Whitman, Walt. 1974. "The Real War Will Never Get in the Books." *Specimen Days* in *The Portable Walt Whitman* edited by Mark Van Doren. New York: Viking, pp.482-484.
- Sontag, Susan. 1990. *Illness as Metaphor and AIDS and Its Metaphors*. New York: Doubleday, pp. 1-9.
- Guibert, Hervé. 1996. *Cytomegalovirus: A Hospitalization Diary*. Lanham, MD: University Press of America, pp.1-13.
- Film: *The Happy Child* by Mohsen Makhmalbaf

#### For Further Reading:

- Nietzsche, Friedrich. 1974. "Preface for the Second Edition." *The Gay Science*. New York: Vintage Books, pp. 32-38.
- Mann, Thomas. 1995. *The Magic Mountain*. New York: Vintage International, pp. 31-33.

## February 4

### **The Normal and the Pathological**

- Benedict, Ruth. 1959. "Anthropology and the Abnormal." *An Anthropologist at Work: Writings of Ruth Benedict*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, pp. 262-283.
- Canguilhem, Georges. 2008. "The Normal and the Pathological." In *Knowledge of Life* edited by Paola Marrati and Todd Meyers. New York: Fordham University Press, pp.121-133.
- Kleinman, Arthur and Adriana Petryna. 2002. "Health: Anthropological Aspects." *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences*. London: Elsevier Science Ltd, pp. 6495-6499.
- Solomon, Andrew. 2012. "Son." In *Far from the Tree: Parents, Children, and the Search for Identity*. New York: Scribner, pp.1-47.
- Film: *In My Language* by Amanda Baggs  
<http://mediacommons.futureofthebook.org/imr/2007/03/28/found-in-translation>

#### For Further Reading:

- Foucault, Michel. 1988 [1965]. "Preface." *Madness and Civilization: A History of Insanity in the Age of Reason*. New York: Vintage Books, pp. ix-xii.
- Geertz, Clifford. 2000. "Common Sense as a Cultural System." *Local Knowledge: Further Essays in Interpretive Anthropology*. New York: Basic Books, pp. 73-93.

February 9

**How Does Culture Surface in Medical Care?**

Reading Report Due

- Fadiman, Anne. 2012. *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down: A Hmong Child, Her American Doctors, and the Collision of Two Cultures* (with a New Afterward). New York: Noonday Press.
- Williams, William Carlos. 1984. "The Use of Force." *The Doctor Stories*. New York: New Directions, pp. 56-60.
- Film: *Island of Flowers* by Jorge Furtado

For Further Reading:

- Hahn, Robert A. and Marcia C. Inhorn. 2009. "Introduction." *Anthropology and Public Health: Bridging Differences in Culture and Society* (second edition). New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 1-31.

February 10

**Lunch symposium with award-winning author and activist Andrew Solomon:  
"Humanistic Approaches to Mental Health Care in an Age of Biological Psychiatry"**

*12:00 – 1:30 p.m., 202 Jones Hall*

Solomon is author of *The Noonday Demon: An Atlas of Depression*, winner of the National Book Award and a Pulitzer Prize finalist. *The Noonday Demon* examines depression in personal, cultural, and scientific terms. Solomon draws on his own struggles with the illness and interviews with fellow sufferers, doctors and scientists, policy makers, drug designers, and philosophers.

*Panelists include João Biehl, Ronald Comer, and Tanya Lubrmann. Moderated by Amy Borovoy.*

February 11

**Biomedicine Examined**

- Foucault, Michel. 1995. "Panopticism." *Discipline and Punish*. New York: Vintage Books, pp. 195-202.
- Sebald, W.G. 1999. "I." *The Rings of Saturn*. New York: New Directions, pp.1-26.
- Kleinman, Arthur. 1995. "What is Specific to Biomedicine?" *Writing at the Margin: Discourse between Anthropology and Medicine*. Berkeley: University of California Press, pp. 21-40.
- Good, Byron. 1994. "How Medicine Constructs Its Objects." *Medicine, Rationality, and Experience*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 65-87.
- Selzer, Richard. 1997. "The Knife." *Mortal Lessons: Notes on the Art of Surgery*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 92-104.
- Gawande, Atul. 2002. "Education of a Knife." *Complications: A Surgeon's Notes on an Imperfect Science*. New York: Metropolitan Books, pp.11-34.

February 16  
**Doctors for the People**  
Reading Report Due

- Wendland, Claire. 2010. *A Heart for the Work: Journeys through an African Medical School*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Selections.
- Skype Discussion with Professor Claire Wendland, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

For Further Reading:

- Wendland, Claire. 2012. "Moral Maps and Medical Imaginaries: Clinical Tourism at Malawi's College of Medicine." *American Anthropologist* 114(1): 108-22.
- Langwick, Stacey. 2008. "Articulate(d) Bodies: Traditional Medicine in a Tanzanian Hospital." *American Ethnologist* 35(3): 428-439.

February 18  
**Disease Constructs and Illness Narratives**

- Lévi-Strauss, Claude. 1967. "The Sorcerer and His Magic." *Structural Anthropology*. New York: Anchor Books, pp. 167-185.
- Kleinman, Arthur. 1988. *The Illness Narratives: Suffering, Healing, and the Human Condition*. New York: Basic Books, pp. 3-55.
- Rosenberg, Charles. 2002. "The Tyranny of Diagnosis: Specific Entities and Individual Experience." *Milbank Quarterly* 80(2): 237-260.
- Mattingly, Cheryl. 1994. "The Concept of Therapeutic 'Emplotment'." *Social Science and Medicine* 38(6):811-822.

For Further Reading:

- Kafka, Franz. 2009. "A Country Doctor." *Franz Kafka, Stories 1904-1924*. London: Abacus, pp. 182-187.
- Good, Mary-Jo DelVecchio and Byron Good. 2000. "Clinical Narratives and the Study of Contemporary Doctor-Patient Relationships." *The Handbook of Social Studies in Health & Medicine*, edited by Gary L. Albrecht, Ray Fitzpatrick and Susan C. Scrimshaw. London: Sage Publications, pp.243-258.
- Lock, Margaret and Vinh-Kim Nguyen. 2010. "Anthropologies of Medicine." In *An Anthropology of Biomedicine*. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell, pp.57-82.

February 23

### **On Recognition and the Art of Caregiving**

- Kleinman, Arthur. 2008. "Catastrophe and Caregiving: The Failure of Medicine as an Art." *The Lancet* Vol. 371, pp.22-23.
- Kleinman, Arthur. 2009. "Caregiving: The Odyssey of Becoming More Human." *The Lancet*, Vol. 373, pp. 292-293.
- Kleinman, Arthur. 2011. "The Art of Medicine: The Divided Self, Hidden Values, and Moral Sensibility in Medicine." *The Lancet*, Vol. 377, pp. 804-805.
- Kleinman, Arthur. 2013. "Medical sensibility: whose feelings count?" *The Lancet*, Vol. 381, pp. 1893-1894.
- Taylor, Janelle. 2008. "On Recognition, Caring, and Dementia." *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 22(4): 313–335.
- Didion, Joan. 2006. *The Year of Magical Thinking*. New York: Alfred Knopf, pp. 1-33.
- Gigerenzer, Thalia. *A Sound Portrait: Violet*.  
<https://soundcloud.com/thaliagigerenzer/violet-sound-portrait>

Guest Speaker: Professor Arthur Kleinman, Harvard University

February 25

### **Embodied Knowledge**

Reading Report Due

- Evans-Pritchard, E.E. 2010. "The Notion of Witchcraft Explains Unfortunate Events." *A Reader in Medical Anthropology: Theoretical Trajectories, Emergent Realities* edited by Byron J. Good, Michael M.J. Fischer, Sarah S. Willen, and Mary-Jo DelVecchio Good. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell, pp. 18-25.
- Mauss, Marcel. 1979. "The Notion of Body Techniques." *Sociology and Psychology: Essays*. London: Routledge & Kegan Paul, pp. 95-119.
- Scheper-Hughes, Nancy and Margaret Lock. 1987. "The Mindful Body: A Prolegomenon to Future Work in Medical Anthropology." *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 1 (1): 6-41.
- Scheper-Hughes, Nancy. 1992. *Death Without Weeping: The Violence of Everyday Life in Brazil*. Berkeley: University of California Press, pp. xi-xii, 1-30.

For Further Reading:

- Film: *Sir Edwards Evans Pritchard: Strange Beliefs* by Bruce Dakowski
- Good, Byron. 1994. "Medical Anthropology and the Problem of Belief." *Medicine, Rationality, and Experience*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 1-24.
- Ong, Aihwa. 1988. "The Production of Possession: Spirits and the Multinational Corporation in Malaysia." *American Ethnologist*, 15(1):28-42.
- Gawande, Atul. 2003. "Crimson Tide." *Complications: A Surgeon's Notes on an Imperfect Science*. New York: Picador, pp. 146-161.

March 2  
**The Mind-Body Nexus**

- Cannon, Walter Bradford. 1942. "Voodoo' Death." *American Anthropologist* 44:169-181.
- Hahn, Robert A. and Arthur Kleinman. 1983. "Belief as Pathogen, Belief as Medicine." *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*, 14 (4): 16-19.
- Harrington, Anne. 2000. "Introduction." *The Placebo Effect: an Interdisciplinary Exploration*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, pp. 1-11.
- Moerman, Daniel E. 2000. "Cultural Variations in the Placebo Effect: Ulcers, Anxiety, and Blood Pressure." *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 14 (1):51-72.
- Biehl, João. 2013. *Vita: Life in a Zone of Social Abandonment*. Berkeley: University of California Press, pp. 1-119 (Introduction, Part I, and Part II).

For Further Reading:

- Mauss, Marcel. 1979. "The Physical Effect on the Individual of the Idea of Death Suggested by the Collectivity (Australia, New Zealand)." *Sociology and Psychology: Essays*. London, Boston and Henley: Routledge & Kegan Paul, pp. 35-56.
- Spiro, Howard. 2000. "Clinical Reflections on the Placebo Phenomenon." *The Placebo Effect*, edited by Anne Harrington, pp. 37-55.
- Pilcher, Helen. 2009. "The Science of Voodoo: When Mind Attacks Body." *New Scientist*, May 13.
- Madrigal, Alexis C. 2011. "The Dark Side of the Placebo Effect: When Intense Belief Kills." *The Atlantic*, September 14, 2011. Available online at: <http://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2011/09/thedark-side-of-the-placebo-effect-when-intense-belief-kills/245065/>
- Film: *The Spirit Possession of Alejandro Mamani* by Hubert Smith and Neil Reichline

March 5  
**Life in a Zone of Social Abandonment**  
Reading Report Due

- Biehl, João. 2013. *Vita: Life in a Zone of Social Abandonment*. Berkeley: University of California Press, pp. 123-350 (Part III, Part IV, Part V, Part VI).
- Sontag, Susan. 2003. *Regarding the Pain of Others*. New York: Farrar, Strauss, and Giroux, pp. 18-39, 74-94.

For Further Reading:

- Metzl, Jonathan M. 2009. "Part I: Ionia." *The Protest Psychosis: How Schizophrenia Became a Black Disease*. Boston: Beacon Press, pp.1-16.
- Lock, Margaret and Vinh-Kim Nyugen. 2010. "Local Biologies and Human Difference." In *An Anthropology of Biomedicine*. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell, pp. 83-109.
- Rodriguez, C.E. 2013. "Frida Kahlo and Art Therapy." See: [www.pilsenportal.org/news/2309](http://www.pilsenportal.org/news/2309)



March 9  
**Lives, Flux, Time, Story-Telling**  
Quiz

- Biehl, João. 2013. *Vita: Life in a Zone of Social Abandonment*. Berkeley: University of California Press, pp. 353-395 (Conclusion, Postscript, Afterword).
- Small, David. 2009. *Stitches: A Memoir*. New York: W.W. Norton.

For Further Reading:

- Hillenbrand, Laura. 2003. "A Sudden Illness: How My Life Changed." *The New Yorker*, July 7, 2003, pp.56-57.

March 11  
**Making Sense of a Devastating Disease through Cinema**

- Film: *When I Walk* by Jason DaSilva

Guest Speakers: Filmmakers Jason DaSilva and Alice Cook

For Further Reading:

- Ginsburg, Faye and Rayna Rapp. 2013. "Disability Worlds." *Annual Review of Anthropology* 42: 53-68.
- Ralph, Laurence. 2012. "What Wounds Enable: The Politics of Disability and Violence in Chicago." *Disability Studies Quarterly* 32(3). <http://dsq-sds.org/article/view/3270/3099>

**Illness narratives are due on March 13 and can be uploaded on blackboard until 11:59 pm.**

**\*\*\* SPRING RECESS \*\*\***

March 23

### **The Politics of Truth and Health**

- Foucault, Michel. 1980. "The Politics of Health in the Eighteenth Century." *Power/Knowledge: Selected Interviews & Other Writings 1972-1977* edited by Colin Gordon. New York: Pantheon Books, pp. 166-82.
- Fleck, Ludwik. 1979. "How the Modern Concept of Syphilis Originated." *Genesis and Development of a Scientific Fact*. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, pp. 1-19.
- Porter, Theodore M. 1999. "Life Insurance, Medical Testing, and the Management of Mortality." *Biographies of Scientific Objects* edited by Lorraine Daston. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, pp.226-246.

Guest Speaker: Trisha Thorne, Director of Princeton's Community-Based Learning Initiative

For Further Reading:

- Proctor, Robert. 1993. "Nazi Medicine and the Politics of Knowledge." *The 'Racial' Economy of Science: Toward a Democratic Future*, edited by Sandra Harding. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, pp. 344-358.
- Lewontin, Richard. 1992. "A Reasonable Skepticism." *Biology as Ideology: The Doctrine of DNA*. New York: Harper Perennial, pp. 3-16.

March 25

### **Biological Citizens**

Reading Report Due

- Petryna, Adriana. 2013 (with a New Introduction). *Life Exposed: Biological Citizens after Chernobyl*. Princeton: Princeton University Press. Selections.

Guest Speaker: Professor Adriana Petryna, University of Pennsylvania

March 30

### **Race in Medical Science and Care**

- Film: *Deadly Deception* by Denise DiAnni
- Jones, James. 1993. "The Tuskegee Syphilis Experiment: A Moral Astigmatism." *The Racial Economy of Science: Toward a Democratic Future* edited by Sandra Harding. Bloomington: University of Indiana Press, pp. 275-286.
- Rouse, Carolyn. 2009. Introduction, Chapter 1, Chapter 10, and Conclusion. *Uncertain Suffering: Racial Health Care Disparities and Sickle Cell Disease*. Berkeley: University of California Press, pp. 1-44 and 222-268.

Guest Speaker: Professor Carolyn Rouse, Princeton University

For Further Reading:

- Brandt, Allan. 1978. "Racism and Research: The Case of the Tuskegee Syphilis Study." Hastings Center Report 8, pp. 21-29.
- Smedley, Brian D., Adrienne Y. Stith, and Alan R. Nelson, eds. 2003. "Summary." *Unequal Treatment: Confronting Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health Care*. Washington, D.C.: The National Academies Press. pp. 1-28.
- Wailoo, Keith. Interview in *New Books Network*:  
<http://newbooksinhistory.com/crossposts/keith-wailoo-pain-a-political-history-johns-hopkins-up-2014/>

April 1

**Pathologies of Power and the Doctor Who Would Cure the World**

Reading Report Due

- Kidder, Tracy. 2000. "The Good Doctor." *The New Yorker*, July 10, pp. 40-57.
- Farmer, Paul. 2004. "On Suffering and Structural Violence." In *Pathologies of Power: Health, Human Rights, and the New War on the Poor*. Berkeley: University of California Press, pp.29-50.
- Kidder, Tracy. 2010. "Foreword: Seeing the Proof." In Paul Farmer, *Partner to the Poor: A Paul Farmer Reader*. Berkeley: University of California Press, pp.ix-xii.
- Farmer, Paul. 2010. "An Anthropology of Structural Violence." In *Partner to the Poor: A Paul Farmer Reader*. Berkeley: University of California Press, pp.350-375.
- Film: *Partners in Health: Saving Lives in Rural Haiti* by David Murdock

For Further Reading:

- Virchow, Rudolph. 2010. "The Charity Physician." In *A Reader in Medical Anthropology: Theoretical Trajectories, Emergent Realities* edited by Byron J. Good, Michael M.J. Fischer, Sarah S. Willen, and Mary-Jo DeVecchio Good. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell, pp. 47-49.

April 6

**The Continuum of Violence**

- Bourgois, Philippe and Jeff Schonberg. 2009. "Introduction" and "A Community of Addicted Bodies." *Righteous Dopefiend*. Berkeley: University of California Press, pp. 1-23, 78-115.
- Garcia, Angela. 2013. "The Elegiac Addict." In *Addiction Trajectories* edited by Eugene Raikhel and William Garriott. Durham: Duke University Press, pp. 36-60.
- Film: *All of Us* by Emily Abt

For Further Reading:

- Garcia, Angela. 2010. *The Pastoral Clinic: Addiction and Dispossession along the Rio Grande*. Berkeley: University of California Press.
- Hansen, Helena, Philippe Bourgois, and E. Drucker. 2014. "Pathologizing Poverty: New Forms of Disability, Diagnosis and Stigma under Welfare Reform." *Social Science and Medicine* 103:126-33.

April 8  
**Making Up People**  
Reading Report Due

- Hacking, Ian. 2006. "Making Up People." *London Review of Books* 28(16), pp. 23-26.
- Martin, Emily. 1988. "Premenstrual Syndrome, Work Discipline and Anger." *The Woman in the Body*. Boston: Beacon Press, pp. 113-138.
- Martin, Emily. 2007. "Introduction: Manic Depression in America" and "Manic Markets." *Bipolar Expeditions: Mania and Depression in American Culture*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, pp.1-33, 234-268.
- Healy, David. 2006. "The New Medical Oikomune." In *Global Pharmaceuticals: Ethics, Markets, and Practices* edited by Adriana Petryna, Andrew Lakoff, and Arthur Kleinman. Durham: Duke University Press, pp. 61-84.
- Lakoff, Andrew. 2007. "The Right Patients for the Drug: Managing the Placebo Effect in Antidepressant Trials." *BioSocieties* 2(2): 57-71.
- Film: *The Medicated Child* by Marcela Gaviria (PBS/Frontline)

For Further Reading:

- Dumit, Joseph. 2010. "A Digital Image of the Category of the Person." In *A Reader in Medical Anthropology: Theoretical Trajectories, Emergent Realities* edited by Byron Good, Michael MJ Fischer, Sarah S Willen and Mary-Jo DelVecchio Good. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell, pp. 367-376.
- Whitmarsh, Ian. 2008. "Biomedical Ambivalence: Asthma Diagnosis, the Pharmaceutical, and Other Contradictions in Barbados." *American Ethnologist* 35(1): 49-63.
- Silberman, Steve. 2009. "Placebos Are Getting More Effective: Drugmakers Are Desperate to Know Why." *Wired* 17 (9).

April 13  
**The Social Lives of Medicines**

- Petryna, Adriana and Arthur Kleinman. 2006. "The Pharmaceutical Nexus." In *Global Pharmaceuticals: Ethics, Markets, and Practices* edited by Adriana Petryna, Andrew Lakoff, and Arthur Kleinman. Durham: Duke University Press, pp.1-32.
- Biehl, João. 2014. "Patient Value." In *Cash on the Table: Markets, Values, and Moral Economies* edited by Edward F. Fischer. Santa Fe, NM: SAR Press, pp.67-90.
- Mol, Annemarie. 2009. "Living with Diabetes: Care Beyond Choice and Control." *The Lancet*, Vol. 373, Issue 9677, pp.1756–1757.
- Reynolds Whyte, Susan (ed). 2014. *Second Chances: Surviving AIDS in Uganda*. Durham: Duke University Press. Selections.

Guest Speakers: Professors Susan Reynolds Whyte and Michael Whyte, University of Copenhagen

For Further Reading:

- Whyte, Susan Reynolds, Sjaak van der Geest, and Anita Hardon. 2002. *The Social Lives of Medicines*. New York: Cambridge University Press, pp. 79-132.
- Das, Veena and Ranendra K. Das. 2006. "Pharmaceuticals in Urban Ecologies: The Register of the Local." In *Global Pharmaceuticals: Markets, Practices, Ethics* edited by Adriana Petryna, Andrew Lakoff, and Arthur Kleinman. Durham, NC: Duke University Press, pp.171-205.
- Ecks, Stefan. 2005. "Pharmaceutical Citizenship: Antidepressant Marketing and the Promise of Demarginalization in India." *Anthropology & Medicine* 12(3): 239-254.

April 15  
**Surviving AIDS**  
Reading Report Due

- Reynolds Whyte, Susan (ed). 2014. *Second Chances: Surviving AIDS in Uganda*. Durham: Duke University Press. Selections.

Guest Speakers: Professors Susan Reynolds Whyte and Michael Whyte, University of Copenhagen

April 20  
**Organ Transplantation and Trade:  
Post-Human Ethics?**

- Gawande, Atul. 2009. "Introduction" and "The Problem of Extreme Complexities." *The Checklist Manifesto: How to Get Things Right*. New York: Metropolitan Books, pp. 1-31.
- Wailoo, Keith, Julie Livingston, and Peter Guarnaccia. 2006. "Chronicles of an Accidental Death." In *A Death Retold: Jessica Santillan, the Bungled Transplant, and Paradoxes of Medical Citizenship*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, pp. 1-16.
- Morgan, Susan E., Tyler R. Harrison, Lisa Volk Chewing, and Jacklyn G. Habib. 2006. "America's Angel or Thieving Immigrant? Media Coverage, the Santilan Story, and Publicized Ambivalence toward Donation and Transplantation. In *A Death Retold: Jessica Santillan, the Bungled Transplant, and Paradoxes of Medical Citizenship* edited by Keith Wailoo, Julie Livingston, and Peter Guarnaccia. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, pp.19-45.
- Scheper-Hughes, Nancy. 2006. "Consuming Differences: Post-Human Ethics, Global (In)justice, and the Transplant Trade in Organs. In *A Death Retold: Jessica Santillan, the Bungled Transplant, and Paradoxes of Medical Citizenship* edited by Keith Wailoo, Julie Livingston, and Peter Guarnaccia. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, pp.205-234.
- Film: *Tales from the Organ Trade* by Ric Bienstock (HBO)

For Further Reading:

- Turkle, Sherry. 2008. "Reading the Inner History of Devices." In *Inner History of Devices*. Cambridge: MIT Press, pp. 2-30.
- Kaufman, Sharon R. and Lakshmi Fjord. 2011. "Medicare, Ethics, and Reflexive Longevity: Governing Time and Treatment in an Aging Society." *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 25(2):209–231.
- Hamdy, Sherine. 2012. "Where Cyborgs Meet God." In *Our Bodies Belong to God: Organ Transplants, Islam, and the Struggle for Human Dignity in Egypt*. Berkeley: University of California Press, pp. 239-256.

April 22

## **Experimentality and Ethical Variability**

Quiz

- DelVecchio Good, Mary-Jo. 2007. “The Medical Imaginary and the Biotechnical Embrace: Subjective Experiences of Clinical Scientists and Patients.” *Subjectivity: Ethnographic Investigations*, edited by João Biehl, Byron Good, and Arthur Kleinman. Berkeley: University of California Press, pp. 362–380.
- Petryna, Adriana. 2005. “Ethical Variability: Drug Development and Globalizing Clinical Trials.” *American Ethnologist* 32(2): 183-197.
- Dumit, Joseph. 2012. “Conclusion: Living in a World of Surplus Health.” In *Drugs for Life: How Pharmaceutical Companies Define Our Health*. Durham: Duke University Press, pp.197-218.
- Lochlann Jain, S. 2013. *Malignant: How Cancer Becomes Us*. Berkeley: University of California Press. Selections.

For Further Reading:

- Rothman, David. 2000. “The Shame of Medical Research.” *The New York Review of Books*, Nov 30, pp. 60-64.

April 27

## **Facing Mortality**

Reading Report Due

- Lochlann Jain, S. 2013. *Malignant: How Cancer Becomes Us*. Berkeley: University of California Press. Selections.
- Skype Conversation with Professor S. Lochlann Jain, Stanford University.

April 29

**“And so each venture is a new beginning, a raid on the inarticulate”** (T. S. Eliot)

- Frankfurter, Raphael. “The Danger in Losing Sight of Ebola Victims’ Humanity.” *The Atlantic*, August 22, 2014. Available online at: <http://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2014/08/the-danger-in-losing-sight-of-ebola-victimshumanity/378945/>
- Skype Conversation with Raphael Frankfurter ’13, Wellbody Alliance, Sierra Leone.

**The final paper is due on May 12 (Dean’s Date) at 5 pm at 116 Aaron Burr Hall.**