HEALTH, DISEASE AND HEALTH SERVICES IN LATIN AMERICA
Community Health Sciences 132, Fall 2013
Tuesdays, 9:00am-11:50am, Room CHS 51-279

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Course Goals
This course aims to acquaint students with important issues regarding health, disease and health services in Latin America. The course focuses on Public Health and Latin American topics in a broad introductory course for students from Public health, Latin American Studies, International Studies, Anthropology, Geography, Medicine, Nursing, Social Welfare, Public Policy and other departments. The course will include lectures, readings, films and discussions. Students are encouraged to follow this course with specific courses which most interest them such as, traditional medicine and shamanism, infectious diseases, medical anthropology, mental health, maternal and child health, environmental health, etc.

Course Learning Objectives
This overview course on health issues in Latin America aims to provide graduate students and undergraduate upper classmen with:
1) A comprehensive understanding of cultural, psychological, political, social and economic influences on health status at the individual, and community levels in a regional global context
2) An exploration of health promotion and health education interventions, including clinical, socio-political, grass roots, educational
3) Opportunity to critically research and assess the literature on cross-cultural health topics

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Prerequisites
The course is open to graduate and professional students interested in learning about public health and medical anthropology in Latin America. It is also open to qualified upper division undergraduates.

Assignments and Evaluation
Evaluation of student performance will be based on:
1. Week to week class participation/attendance (10%)
   On paper, turn in an article or clip/link from the press or media about the topic of the week for weeks 2,3,4,5,6. Items may come from journals, newspapers, magazines, radio, TV, internet, youtube, etc. and write a one page reflection about what you learned.

2. Exam, To be given in the first half of class, week 7, November 12. Short answer format, will cover lecture material, films, readings through week 6. (30%)

3. Country Health Paper (50%).
   In groups of two, students will write a descriptive research paper which discusses key aspects of one health problem in two Latin American countries, or two health problems in one country.
   A one paragraph description of your group’s topic and list of 4 references is due week 4. Your paper should include the following sections:
   A. Description and Significance of the problems(s) highlighted (Prevalence, incidence, mortality, why important, etc.)
   B. Description of Risk Population(s) most impacted and how (i.e. children, indigenous, etc.)
   C. Examples of treatments/interventions/programs addressing the problem(s)

   References to be used:
   A. PAHO, Volume II: Countries
   B. Minimum number of scientific journal articles or books about your health problem/countries to be cited (8-undergrads, 10 Grad students)
   C. Information from at least two websites, i.e. organizations, databases, etc.

   Length to be 16 pages for undergraduates, 18 pages for graduate and professional students; double spaced and typed, 12”font. The paper will be due to TurnItIn, during finals week, on December 10, by 11:59pm. Late papers will lose 5 points.

4. Students will be expected to make a 10 minute presentation about their topic, week 9 or 10. (10%)

READINGS - Required
Book: (Available at the Biomedical Bookstore)
Haiti After the Earthquake, by Paul Farmer, Public Affairs Press, 2011 or latest edition

ONLINE/Link on Website:
Health in the Americas, Pan American Health Organization, (PAHO) 2007, Volumes I and II
Articles
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Human Rights & (Structural) Violence/ *Haiti* book discussion         |
| 7       | NOVEMBER 12    | Exam/ Inequalities & Social Justice                                   |
| 8       | NOVEMBER 19    | Environmental Health (Godwin)  
/Parasitic Infections & Malaria                                        |
| 9       | NOVEMBER 26    | Mental health & Disabilities/Health Services  
Student presentations                                                  |
| 10      | DECEMBER 3     | Student Presentations/  
Summary                                                                |

December 10: Final Paper Due
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(http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0140673607616730)  
Health Agenda For The Americas, 2008-2017, PAHO |
| 2       | 10/8   | Indigenous Health/Women and Children’s Health | Required: Indigenous Health in Latin America and the Caribbean  
The Lancet Vol 367 June 2006  
Surgeon, Anthropologist lead effort to Bridge Western health care, Indigenous Cultures  
PAHO Chapters on Bolivia and Guatemala  
http://www.paho.org/hia/vol2paisesing.html  
Recommended: CIA World Factbook summary of Bolivia and Guatemala  
http://download.thelancet.com/pdfs/journals/lancet/PIIS0140673611607174.pdf  
Required: PAHO Chapters on Brazil and Honduras  
http://www.paho.org/hia/vol2paisesing.html  
Recommended: CIA World Factbook summary of Brazil and Honduras  
| 4       | 10/22  | Women and Children's Health, NCDs      | Harari, Raul and Harari Homero  
Barbara Fraser,  
(http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0140673605671589)  
PAHO chapter on Argentina  
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| 6   | 11/5 | Natural Disasters/ Human Rights / (Structural) Violence | Paul Farmer: Haiti After the Earthquake, Public Affairs, PA 2011, Chapters ix, 1 to 8, epilogue, Other Voices- choose one from each section: Women, Doctors, Humanitarians  
PAHO Chapters on Haiti and Nicaragua, Dominican Republic [http://www.paho.org/hia/vol2paísesing.html](http://www.paho.org/hia/vol2paísesing.html)  
| 7   | 11/12| EXAM/ Inequalities & Justice | Required:  
PAHO Chapters on Colombia and Mexico [http://www.paho.org/hia/vol2paísesing.html](http://www.paho.org/hia/vol2paísesing.html)  
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