

RACE AND CLASS FACTORS IN HEALTH INEQUALITY

SOCIOLOGY 236

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DESCRIPTION:

This seminar examines the role of race, ethnicity and class in the production of unequal health outcomes. The course raises questions about the way race and ethnicity has been treated in health care research and presents a conceptual paradigm for examining the various levels at which racial and class dynamics impact the health status of diverse populations and the process through which inequality in health status and outcomes are produced. The course readings will focus on theories on race, ethnicity and power; inequality in health status and health outcomes; analyses of racial dynamics in health outcomes; and issues of cultural competence in health care delivery.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Attendance and participation in class is required. Students will be asked to lead class discussions and summarize readings on a regular basis.
2. Class paper requirement: Select one issue related to ethnic and racial and class dynamics and health status, outcomes or health care provision. The paper should critically assess literature in the area and advance a theoretically based argument about the origins and dynamics of the issue or problem. The paper should be 12 pages or more in length. The paper is due June 6th. Outlines for paper topics should be submitted by May 2nd.

COURSE OUTLINE:

1. Introduction to Course and Overview of the study of Race and Ethnicity and Health.
2. Melting Pot, Mosaic or Bubbling Cauldron?
3. Theories of Racial Inequality
4. What is this Thing called Race?
5. The Role of Racism in the Production of Health Inequality
6. Structural Dynamics and Unequal Health Status - Environmental Racism and Disproportionate Health Risks - Notions of community health.
7. Methodological Issues in studying Class, Ethnicity and Race in Health Care Research
8. Race, Gender and Health
9. Genetics and Race
10. Ethnicity, Race, Power and Cultural Competence in Quality Health Care Provision

March 28th

Introduction

April 4th

Melting Pot, Mosaic or Bubbling Cauldron?

Required Reading:

Steinberg, Stephen. 1989. *The Ethnic Myth*. Boston: Beacon Press. Preface, Introduction & Chapter 1, p. 1-43.

Moore, Joan & Pinderhughes, Raquel. 1993. *Introduction to In the Barrios: Latinos and the Underclass Debate*. New York: Russell Sage. p. xi-xxxix.

Smith, Michael Peter & Feagin, Joe. 1995. "Putting Race in Its Place," Chapter 1 in *The Bubbling Cauldron: Race, Ethnicity and the Urban Crisis*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota. p. 3-27.

Smedley, Audrey. 1993. *Race in North America: Origin and Evolution of a Worldview*. Boulder, CO: Westview Press. Introduction, Ch. 1.

Hurtado, Aida. 1996. "Relating to Privilege and Power Mobilization: Toward a Multicultural Feminism", Chapter 1 of *The Color of Privilege: Three Blasphemies on Race and Feminism*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan.

Collins, Patricia Hill. 1998. *Fighting Words: Black Women and the Search for Justice*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press. Ch. 6

April 11th

Theories of Racial Inequality

Required Reading:

Winant, Howard. 1995. "Dictatorship, Democracy, and Difference: The Historical Construction of Racial Identity," Chapter 2 in *The Bubbling Cauldron: Race, Ethnicity and the Urban Crisis*. p.31-49.

Omi, Michael & Winant, Howard. 1986. *Racial Formation in the United States: From the 1960's to the 1980's*. Introduction; Introduction: Paradigms of Race, Ethnicity, Class and Nation; Chapter 1, 2, 3 & 4. p. 1-69

Blauner, Robert. 1972. *Racial Oppression in America*. New York: Harper and Row. Introduction & Ch. 1

Wilson, William J. 1978. *The Declining Significance of Race: Blacks and Changing American Institutions*. Ch. 1.

Ogbu, John, 1987. *Cultural Diversity and School Experience*

Mohanty, Chandra Talpade. 1997. "Women Workers and Capitalist Scripts: Ideologies of Domination, Common Interests, and the Politics of Solidarity" in Alexander and Mohanty, eds. *Feminist Genealogies, Colonial Legacies, Democratic Futures*. New York: Routledge.

April 18th

What is this Thing called Race?

Required Reading:

Smedley, Audrey. 1993. *Race in North America: Origin and Evolution of a Worldview*. Boulder, CO: Westview Press. Ch. 12 & 13.

Williams, David R. 1994. "The Concept of Race in Health Services Research: 1966 to 1990," in *Health Services Research*. 29:3. August 1994.

Nickens, Herbert. 1995. "The Role of Race/Ethnicity and Social Class in Minority Health Status," in *Health services Research*. 30:1. April 1995, Part II. p. 151-162

Williams, David. 1997. Race and health: basic questions, emerging direction. ? in *Annals of Epidemiology*. 7(5): 322-333.

LaVeist, Thomas. 1996. ?Why we should continue to study race... but do a better job: An essay on race, racism and health. ? in *Ethnicity and Disease*. 6: Winter/Spring 1996.

April 25th:

The Role of Racism in the Production of Health Inequality

Required Reading:

Williams, David R., Lavisso-Mourey, R. & Warren, R. 1994. "The Concept of race and Health Status in America," in CDC-ATSDR Workshop published in *Public Health reports*, January-February 1994, Volume 109, No. 1. p. 26-41.

King, Gary. 1996. Institutional racism and the medical/health complex: a complex analysis ? *Ethnicity and Disease* 6(1-2):30-46.

Essed, Philomena. 1991. *Understanding Everyday Racism*. Newbury Park, CA: Sage Publications. Chapter 2, p. 54-71 & Chapter 4, p.119-143.

House, James and Williams, David. 2001 *Understanding and Reducing Socioeconomic and racial/Ethnic Disparities in Health*. In *Promoting Health: Intervention Strategies from Social and Behavioral Sciences*. The National Academy of Science.

May 2nd:

Structural Dynamics and Unequal Health Status - Environmental Racism and Disproportionate Health Risks - Notions of community health.

Required Reading:

Clark, Rodney et al. 1999. Racism as a Stressor for African Americans: A Biopsychosocial Model" in *American Psychologist*. October 1999

Noh, Samuel et al. "Perceived Racial Discrimination, Depression, and Coping: A Study of Southeast Asian Refugees in Canada" In *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 1999, Vol 40 (September) 193-207.

Kaplan, Mark and Marks, Gary. "Adverse Effects of Acculturation: Psychological Distress Among Mexican American Young Adults" In *Social Science and Medicine* Vol 31, No. 12. Pp.1313-1319.

1990.

Link, Bruce & Phelan, Jo. 1995. "Social Conditions as Fundamental Causes of Disease," in *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, 1995 (Extra Issue), p. 80-94.

Hodge, Felicia. 1997. *The Health Status of American Indians in California*. The California Endowment.

Lillie-Blanton, Marsha & Hoffman, Sandra. 1995. "Conducting an Assessment of Health Needs and Resources in a Racial/Ethnic Minority Community," in *Health Services Research*. 30:1. April 1995, Part II. p.225-235.

Brown, Phil. 1995. "Race, Class, and Environmental Health: A Review and Systemization of the Literature," in *Environmental Research* 69, 1995. p.15-30.

May 9th:

Methodological Issues in Studying Class, Ethnicity and Race in Health Care Research

Required Reading:

Williams, David. 1996. Race/Ethnicity and socio-economic status: measurement and methodological issues.? in *International Journal of Health Services*, 26(3) 483-505.

Wilkinson, Doris & King, Gary. 1987. "Conceptual and Methodological Issues in the Use of Race as a Variable: Policy Implications," in *Milbank Quarterly*, Volume 65, Suppl. 1, 1987. p. 56-71.

Senior, Peter. & Bhopal, Raj. 1994. "Ethnicity as a Variable in Epidemiological Research," in the *British Medical Journal*, Volume 309. July 30, 1994. p. 327-331.

Pinderhughes, Howard and Shim, Janet. 2001. "The Social Production of racial Inequalities in Health."

May 16th:

Race, Gender and Health

Required Reading:

Bayne-Smith, Marcia (ed.) 1996. *Race, Gender and Health*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications. Preface, Chapter 1 & Chapter 6.

Segura, Denise and Adela de la Torre. 1999. *La Sufrida: Contradiction of acculturation and gender in Latina health?* in Clarke, Adele and Virginia Oleson, eds. *Revisoning Women, Health, and Healing: Feminist, Cultural and Technoscience Perspectives*. New York City: Routledge.

McKinlay, John. 1996. Some Contributions from the social system to gender inequalities in heart disease? in *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*. 37(March):1-26

Krieger, Nancy & Fee, Elizabeth. 1994. "Man-Made Medicine and Women's Health: The Biopolitics of Sex/Gender and Race/Ethnicity," in *International Journal of health services*, Volume 24, Number 2. p. 265-283.

De la Torre, Adela. 1993. "Key Issues in Latina Health: Voicing Latina Concerns in the Health Financing Debate" in *Chicana Critical Issues*. Berkeley: Third Woman Press.

Krieger, Nancy et. al. 1993. Racism, sexism, and Social Class: Implications for Studies of Health, Disease, and Wellbeing," in *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, Supplement to Volume 9, No. 6, November/December 1993. p.82-122.

Davis, Angela . 1990. ?Sick and Tired of being sick and tired: the politics of Black Women?s health.? in *The Black Women?s Health Book: Speaking for Ourselves*, edited by Evelyn C. White Seattle: Seal Press. P. 18-26

Roberts, Dorothy. 1997. "Introduction" in *Killing the Black Body: race, Reproduction and the Meaning of Liberty*. New York: Pantheon.

May 23rd

Genetics, Race & Health

Duster, Troy. 1990. *Backdoor to Eugenics*. New York: Routledge. Chapters 3 & 7

Locke, Margaret. 1994. ?Interrogating the Human Diversity Genome Project? in *Social Science and Medicine*, Volume 39. No. 5 pp. 603-606.

Roberts, Dorothy. 1997. *Killing the Black Body: race, Reproduction and the Meaning of Liberty*. New York: Pantheon. Chapters 2 & 6.

June 6

Race, Ethnicity and Power as Factors in the Health Care Relationship & Cultural Competence and Quality Health Care Provision

Required Reading:

Ong, Aihwa. 1995. ?Making the biopolitical subject: Cambodian immigrants, refugee medicine and cultural citizenship in California.? *Social Science and Medicine* 40(9): 1243-57

Herberg, Paula. 1995. "Theoretical Foundations of Transcultural Nursing," in Andrews, M & Boyle, J, eds. *Transcultural Concepts in Nursing Care*. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Company.

Yoos, H. Lorrie, et. al. 1995. "Child Rearing Beliefs in the African American Community: Implications for Culturally Competent Pediatric Care." p. 343-353.

Campinha-Bacote, Josepha. 1995. "The Quest for Culturally Competence in Nursing Care,' in *Nursing Forum*, Volume 30, No.4, October-December, 1995. p. 19-25.

Culley, Lorraine. "A Critique of Multiculturalism in Health Care: The Challenge for Nurse Education" in *Journal of Advanced Nursing*, 1996,23, 564-570.