Seminar in Global Health Equity

Fall Semester. Tuesday 4-6
641 Huntington Avenue, 2nd floor conference room

Course Directors: Mary-Jo DelVecchio Good, Robert Crone, Byron J. Good

This student-faculty seminar on global health equity will engage participants in conversation and analysis with experts from Social Medicine and related social science disciplines, health policy and public health. Topics include historical overviews and political analyses of global health and health inequalities; social justice and human rights perspectives on global health; political and technical responses of WHO, states, donor organizations and other global institutions; problems of access, equity and quality in health systems; ethical issues in global and local medical practice; and major global health challenges of the 21st Century. The graduate level seminar will require weekly response papers and a 10-15 page literature review that may be the basis for future research and global health projects. The course is intended for medical students who will be pursuing the track in Global Health Equity and leadership.

Session 1, September 14:
Mary-Jo DelVecchio Good, Professor of Social Medicine
Robert Crone, Dean for International Programs, Professor of Anaesthesia
Byron Good, Professor of Medical Anthropology and Chair, Department of Social Medicine
Global Health Equity: Perspectives from Social Medicine and related disciplines.
Course Goals: What are we trying to accomplish?

Session 2, September 21:
Christopher Murray, Professor of Social Medicine
Global burden of disease (DALYS and other measures) and how to match systems to burden?

Session 3, September 28:
Barry Bloom, Dean, Harvard School of Public Health
Leon Eisenberg, Maude and Lillian Presley Professor of Social Medicine, Emeritus
Historical Overviews: From international health to global health

Session 4: October 5:
Sharon Kleefield, Director of Health Care Quality, Harvard Medical International
Quality Medical Care: Understanding cross cultural approaches to improving patient care systems.

Session 5: October 12:
Jeffrey Sachs, Director, Earth Institute Economics, International and Public Affairs Economics, Development and Global Health
Session 6: October 19
Lincoln Chen, Lecturer in Public Policy, JFK School of Government
Role of foundations in transition from international to global health

Session 7: October 26:
Michael Reich, Takemi Professor of International Health Policy, HSPH, and
Director of the Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies
The Politics of Reforming Health Systems and Pharmaceutical Reform

Session 8: November 2:
Paul Farmer, Professor of Social Medicine
Social Justice and Biomedicine

Session 9: November 9:
Byron Good, Professor of Medical Anthropology and Chair, Department of Social Medicine
Global Mental Health Care: Providing Care for the Mentally Ill in Poor Countries

Session 10: November 16:
Mary-Jo DelVecchio Good, Professor of Social Medicine
Giuseppe Raviola, Clinical Fellow in Psychiatry
Ethical Quandaries and Physician Dilemmas. Physicians’ responses, burnout and resilience, in face of disease plague, social inequity and poverty, and institutional and cultural constraints on quality of medical practice and medical efficacy. Case examples from East Africa and Indonesia.

Session 11: November 23:
Jennifer Leaning, Professor of International Health, HSPH
Human rights and health

Session 12: November 30:
Jennifer Furin, Associate Clinician, Associate Director, Howard Hiatt Residency in Global Health Equity and Internal Medicine
Anthropology and Medicine, Cases from the Field

Session 13: December 7:
Arachu Castro, Instructor in Medical Anthropology
Comparative Health Systems and Social Justice: Cuba and Haiti

Session 14: December 14:
H. Thomas Aretz, Vice President for Education, HMI
Antoinette S. Peters, Assistant Professor of Ambulatory Care and Prevention
The Role of Medical Education in Global Health, and Vice Versa
General Discussion: How is global health pertinent to future doctors? What is its role in medical education?