

**SOCIAL THEORY AND HEALTH (CHL5101)**  
**DALLA LANA SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH**  
**UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO**  
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Afghan Girl, [Steve McCurry](#), 1984.

"He who loves practice without theory is like the sailor who boards ship without a rudder and compass and never knows where he may be cast." -- Leonardo da Vinci, 1452-1519

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course is an introduction to the theoretical foundations of sociological accounts of health and illness. As such, it is a survey course meant to acquaint you with many of the major areas of inquiry, questions, debates and arguments – and the work of influential and/or interesting researchers – in the sub-field of the sociology of health. Emphasis will be on a critical analysis of competing discourses on health, including those based on structural functionalism, interpretive perspectives, critical political economy, social constructionism, racialization, intersectionality, feminist perspectives, foucauldian perspectives, and sociology of the body. The focus of discussion will be core concepts of the sociology of health arising from theoretical interpretations of what it means to be healthy or ill in Western industrialized nations. Concepts include, but are not limited to, the sick role, labelling, lay health beliefs, the experience of illness, social causation of disease, medicalization, surveillance medicine, risk, governmentality, technologies of the self, biopower, the social construction of medical knowledge, embodiment, and body projects.

## **COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

By the end of this course, you will:

- have a basic and critical understanding of major sociological theories as they apply to health and illness;
- be familiar with a range of substantive research areas, core concepts and key debates in the sociology of health;
- be able to use sociological theory to open up, question and explore key health issues; and
- express yourself better in oral and written work.

The weekly discussions of ideas about health and illness are organized according to their temporal emergence in the sociology of health, but the enduring character of various accounts over time is as evident as are the differences (and similarities) among them. With a focus on critical analysis of competing discourses, we will ask the following of accounts of health and illness:

- How are health and illness conceptualized?
- What are the underlying (implicit or explicit) assumptions about the relationship between health/illness and the social world?
- What are the strengths and weakness of such assumptions?
- What are the similarities and differences across accounts?

## **COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

### **Expectations**

As your instructor, I expect that you will:

- Take full responsibility for your own learning;
- Come on time and prepared to every class;
- Complete all work on time;
- Treat your fellow students and instructor with respect;
- Contribute to building a positive learning community by helping others learn; and
- Ask questions when you don't understand. Doing so is a sign of maturity, not ignorance.

As students, you are entitled to expect that I will:

- Establish and maintain a constructive environment for learning;
- Come prepared to every class;
- Plan each class to help you achieve the course objectives;
- Understand that it is not necessarily your fault if you do not understand the material;
- Provide clear guidelines for assignments; and
- Provide timely and useful feedback.

### Reading Materials:

Required and additional readings for each session are listed in this outline. Copies of the required readings are posted on Blackboard under the Readings tab.

### Evaluation:

		Grade Weight	Due Date
<b>Facilitations (2)</b>	Group	10	To be determined
<b>Annotations (5/6)</b>	Individual	10	To be determined
<b>Short Papers (4)</b>	Individual	80	Paper 1: by Oct. 11 Paper 2: by Nov. 1 Paper 3: by Nov. 22 Paper 4: by Dec. 6

#### A. Class Contribution: Facilitations (10%)

The class contribution component of the grade is there to encourage active, prepared and thoughtful discussion. Your specific goal will be to facilitate, along with one or two other students, a discussion of the week's featured theoretical perspective. Your group will provide a 15-minute overview of the **main argument(s)** of the required readings; compare/contrast the main arguments across the readings; and outline a contemporary application of the theory to understand a health issue. The minimum number of facilitations will be two.

#### B. Annotations (10%)

Six annotations of main arguments of papers from selected from **six different sets of weekly readings** will be submitted over the term. Two are based on a required reading from each of two facilitations that you undertake. The remainder are chosen from readings required for a week other than those which you facilitate. The best five grades will be used for this component of the evaluation. Annotations are due at the beginning of class. See Blackboard for details under Course Materials tab.

### C. Short Papers (80%)

Four short papers (7-8 pages, **double-spaced, one-inch margins, 12-point font size**) outlining and critically assessing the ideas covered in **all** of the required readings for a given week. The first two papers will present, compare and contrast the authors' main arguments, while the last two will synthesize them (see Blackboard for paper details under the Course Materials tab). **The paper is due the Wednesday following class discussion of the reading series you choose (i.e., one week later).** The first paper must be submitted by Oct. 11; the second by Nov. 1; and the third, by Nov. 22. Paper four can be turned in whenever you wish, but by Dec. 6, at the latest.

**Late work:** Late submission will result in a 5% grade deduction per day. Papers submitted more than three days late will not be accepted. When illness or exceptional circumstances affect your ability to meet the deadline, please notify me as soon as possible and before the deadline in question.

The **ASA Style Guide** for text citation and reference lists is required for all written work (see Blackboard for details of ASA style under the Course Materials tab).

The following criteria will be used for evaluating written work (see Blackboard for writing suggestions under Frank's Writing Corner in Course Materials tab):

- B+ Understanding of the central ideas/arguments in readings  
Well-written – coherent, well-organized and concise
- A- The above, plus the ability to integrate and analyze the ideas/arguments in the readings
- A The above, plus the ability to go beyond the readings in a critical and constructive manner (i.e., compare and contrast them, consider their implications, articulate your own position in relation to the central ideas/arguments; and the ability to support your own position)
- A+ The above, plus intellectual creativity and flexibility (e.g., a new synthesis, insight or application)

For writing assistance, see resources for graduate students at Writing at the University of Toronto ([www.writing.utoronto.ca/home](http://www.writing.utoronto.ca/home)). I have also posted on Blackboard under the Course Materials tab a text called "Writing Social Science – Accumulated Advice" by the renowned Canadian sociologist, Arthur Frank. His suggestions are excellent!

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Laptops are permitted in the seminar for the purposes of taking notes based on the class discussion. Out of respect for other seminar participants, you are asked to refrain from checking your e-mail or the Internet during class time, and to turn off your cell phones.

## OVERVIEW OF COURSE

Sept. 13	Introduction
Sept. 20	Structural Functionalism
Sept. 27	Interpretive Perspectives I
Oct. 4	Interpretive Perspectives II
Oct. 11	Critical Political Economy
Oct. 18	Social Construction of Knowledge
Oct. 25	Foucauldian Perspectives I
Nov. 1	Foucauldian Perspectives II
Nov. 8	Feminist Perspectives
Nov. 15	Racialization
Nov. 22	Intersectionality
Nov. 29	Sociology of the Body

## USEFUL JOURNALS:

<i>Body and Society</i>	<i>Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law</i>
<i>Critical Public Health</i>	<i>Milbank Quarterly</i>
<i>Health</i>	<i>Research in the Sociology of Health Care</i>
<i>Health and Place</i>	<i>Social Theory and Health</i>
<i>Health, Risk and Society</i>	<i>Sociology of Health and Illness</i>
<i>International Journal of Health Services</i>	<i>Women &amp; Health</i>
<i>Journal of Health and Social Behaviour</i>	<i>Social Science and Medicine</i>
<i>Journal of Men's Health &amp; Gender</i>	<i>Medical Sociology Online</i>
<i>Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics</i>	<i>Advances in Medical Sociology</i>
<i>Health Sociology Review</i>	<i>Biosocieties</i>
<i>Health, Culture and Society</i>	<i>Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry</i>
<i>Society and Mental Health</i>	

## USEFUL OVERVIEW TEXTS:

- Annandale, Ellen. 2014. *The Sociology of Health and Medicine: A Critical Introduction*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Malden, MA: Polity Press.
- Barry, Anne-Marie and Chris Yuill, eds. 2012. *Understanding the Sociology of Health*. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. London: Sage Publications.
- Blaxter, Mildred. 2004. *Health*. Malden, MA: Polity.
- Bolaria, B. Singh and Harley D. Dickinson, eds. 2009. *Health, Illness, and Health Care in Canada*. 4th ed. Toronto: Nelson Education.
- Bradby, Helen. 2012. *Medicine, Health and Society: A Critical Sociology*. London: Sage.

- Brown, Phil, ed. 2008. *Perspectives in Medical Sociology*. 4<sup>th</sup> ed. Long Grove, Ill. : Waveland Press.
- Bury, Michael. 2004. *The Sociology of Health and Illness: A Reader*. New York: Routledge.
- Cockerham, William C., ed. 2010. *The New Blackwell Companion to Medical Sociology*. Malden, Mass.: Wiley-Blackwell.
- Cockerham, W. 2013. *Medical Sociology on the Move: New Directions in Theory*. Dordrecht, The Netherlands: Springer.
- Collyer, Fran. 2012. *Mapping the Sociology of Health and Medicine: America, Britain and Australia Compared*. Basingstoke, UK: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Conrad, Peter and Rochelle Kern, eds. 2001. *The Sociology of Health and Illness: Critical Perspectives*. 6th ed. New York, NY. Martin's Press.
- De Maio, Fernando. 2010. *Health & Social Theory*. Basingstoke, UK: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Frank, Arthur W. 2004. *The Renewal of Generosity: Illness, Medicine, and How to Live*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Freund, Peter and Meredith McGuire. 2003. *Health, Illness, and the Social Body: A Critical Sociology*. 4th ed. Toronto: Prentice-Hall.
- Gabe, Jonathan and Lee Monahan. 2013. *Key Concepts in Medical Sociology*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- Gerhardt, Uta. 1989. *Ideas About Illness: An Intellectual and Political History of Medical Sociology*. London: MacMillan Education Ltd.
- Inglis, David. 2012. *An Invitation to Social Theory*. Malden, MA: Polity Press.
- Jones, Pip, Liz Bradbury, and Shaun Le Boutillier. 2016. *Introducing Social Theory*. 3rd ed. Malden, MA: Polity Press.
- Lupton, Deborah. 2013. *Medicine as Culture: Illness, Disease and the Body*. 3rd ed. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- McDonnell, Orla, Maria Lohan, Abbey Hyde, and Sam Porter. 2009. *Social Theory, Health and Healthcare*. London: Routledge.
- Ransome, Paul. 2010. *Social Theory for Beginners*. Bristol, England: Polity Press.
- Scambler, Graham, ed. 2012. *Contemporary Theorists for Medical Sociology*. New York: Routledge.
- \_\_\_\_\_. 2005. *Medical Sociology: Major Themes in Health and Social Welfare*. NY: Routledge.
- \_\_\_\_\_. 2002. *Health and Social Change: A Critical Theory*. Philadelphia: Open University Press.
- \_\_\_\_\_. 1987. *Sociological Theory and Medical Sociology*. New York, NY: Tavistock.
- Scambler, Graham and Paul Higgs, eds. 1998. *Modernity, Medicine and Health*. New York, NY: Routledge.
- Scambler, Graham and Sasha Scambler, eds. 2010. *New Directions in the Sociology of Chronic and Disabling Conditions*. London: Palgrave.
- Strohschein, Lisa and Rose Weitz. 2014. *The Sociology of Health, Illness, and Health Care in Canada: A Critical Approach*. Toronto: Nelson Education.
- Turner, Bryan S. 2004. *The New Medical Sociology*. London: W. W. Norton & Company.
- \_\_\_\_\_. 1987. *Medical Power and Social Knowledge*. London: Sage.

- White, Kevin C. 2009. *An Introduction to the Sociology of Health and Illness*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- Williams, Simon. 2003. *Medicine and the Body*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- Williams, Simon J., Gillian A. Bendelow, and Linda Berke, eds. 2003. *Debating Biology: Sociological Reflections on Health, Medicine and Society*. London: Routledge.
- Williams, Simon J., Jonathan Gabe, and Michael Calnan, eds. 2000. *Health, Medicine, and Society: Key Theories, Future Agendas*. New York, NY: Routledge.

## SCHEDULE OF TOPICS AND READINGS

### 1. **Introduction** - Sept. 13

Annandale, Ellen. 2014. Chapters 1 & 2. *The Sociology of Health and Medicine: A Critical Introduction*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Malden, MA: Polity Press.

Bradby, Helen. 2012. Chapter 2. *Medicine, Health and Society: A Critical Sociology*. London: Sage.

### 2. **Structural-Functionalism** – Sept. 20

#### **Required Readings:**

Gerhardt, Uta. 1989. Chapter 1. *Ideas About Illness: An Intellectual and Political History of Medical Sociology*. London: MacMillan Education Ltd. **Focus on pp. 5-15**

Higgins, Angela, Sam Porter, and Peter O'Halloran. 2014. "General Practitioners' Management of the Long-term Sick Role." *Social Science & Medicine* 107:52-60.

Parsons, Talcott. 1951. Chapter 10 of *The Social System*. **Focus on pp. 428-65**

Williams, Simon. 2005. "Parsons Revisited: From the Sick Role to..." *Health* 9:123-44.

#### **Recommended Readings:**

Arluke, A., L. Kennedy, and Ron Kessler. 1979. "Re-examining the Sick-Role Concept: An Empirical Assessment." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 20:30-6.

Bellaby, Paul. 1990. "What is Genuine Sickness? The Relation Between Work-Discipline and the Sick Role in a Pottery Factory." *Sociology of Health and Illness* 12:47-68.

Crossley, Michele. 1998. "'Sick Role' or 'Empowerment'? The Ambiguities of Life with an HIV Positive Diagnosis." *Sociology of Health and Illness* 20:507-31.

Frank, Arthur W. 1991. "From Sick Role to Health Role: Deconstructing Parsons." Pp. 205-16 in *Talcott Parsons: Theorist of Modernity*, edited by R. Robertson and B. S. Turner. Newbury Park, CA: Sage.

Gallagher, Eugene. 1976. "Lines of Reconstruction and Extension in the Parsonian Sociology of Illness." *Social Science and Medicine* 10:207-18.

Gerhardt, Uta. 1988. "Parsons, Role Theory, and Health Interaction." Pp. 110-33 in *Sociological Theory & Medical Sociology*, edited by G. Scambler. New York, NY: Tavistock.

Glick, Deborah C. and Jennie J. Kronenfeld. 1989. "Well Roles: An Approach to Reincorporate Role Theory into Medical Sociology." *Research in the Sociology of Health Care* 8:289-309.

Kassebaum, G.G. and B.O. Baumann. 1965. "Dimensions of the Sick Role in Chronic Illness." *Journal of Health and Human Behavior* 6:16-27.

Levine, Sol and Martin A. Kozloff. 1978. "The Sick Role: Assessment and Overview." *Annual Review of Sociology* 4:317-43.

Lupton, Deborah. 1997. "Psychoanalytic Sociology and the Medical Encounter: Parsons and Beyond." *Sociology of Health and Illness* 19:561-79.

Maseide, Per. 1991. "Possibly Abusive, Often Benign, and Always Necessary. On Power and Domination in Medical Practice." *Sociology of Health and Illness* 13:545-61.



- May, Carl. 2007. "The Clinical Encounter and the Problem of Context." *Sociology* 41:29-45.
- Mik-Meyer, Nanna and Anne Roelsgaard Obling. 2012. "The Negotiation of the Sick Role: General Practitioners' Classification of Patients with Medically Unexplained Symptoms." *Sociology of Health & Illness* 34:1025-38.
- Pilgrim, David. 1998. "Medical Sociology and Psychoanalysis: A Rejoinder to Lupton." *Sociology of Health and Illness* 20:537-44.
- Segall, Alex. 1997. "Sick Role Concepts and Health Behaviour." Pp. 289-301 in *Handbook of Health Behaviour Research I: Personal and Social Determinants*. New York, NY: Plenum Press.
- Segall, Alex. 1976. "The Sick Role Concept: Understanding Illness Behavior." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 17:163-70.
- Shilling, Chris. 2002. "Culture, the 'Sick Role' and the Consumption of Health." *British Journal of Sociology* 53:621-38.
- Varul, Mattias Zick. 2010. "Talcott Parsons, the Sick Role and Chronic Illness." *Body & Society* 16(2):72-94.
- Gerhardt, Uta. 1989. Chapter 1. *Ideas About Illness: An Intellectual and Political History of Medical Sociology*. London: MacMillan Education Ltd.
- Higgs, Angela, Sam Porter, and Peter O'Halloran. 2014. "General Practitioners' Management of the Long-term Sick Role." *Social Science & Medicine* 107:52-60.
- Shilling, Chris. 2002. "Culture, the 'Sick Role' and the Consumption of Health." *British Journal of Sociology* 53:621-38.
- Varul, Mattias Zick. 2010. "Talcott Parsons, the Sick Role and Chronic Illness." *Body & Society* 16(2):72-94.

### 3. Interpretive Perspectives I (Labelling Theory) – Sept. 27

#### Required Readings:

- Gerhardt, Uta. 1989. Pp. 73-90 from *Ideas about Illness: An Intellectual and Political History of Medical Sociology*. London: MacMillan Education Ltd.
- Goffman, Erving. 1968. "The Moral Career of the Mental Patient." Pp. 226-33 in *The Mental Patient: Studies in the Sociology of Deviance*, edited by S. P. Spitzer and N. K. Denzin. Toronto: McGraw-Hill Company.
- Grattet, Ryken. 2011. "Societal Reactions to Deviance." *Annual Review of Sociology* 37:185-204.
- Lemert, Edwin. 1967. Chapter 3. *Human Deviance, Social Problems, and Social Control*. Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey: Prentice-Hall.
- Monaghan, Lee F. 2017. "Re-framing Weight-related Stigma: From Spoiled Identity to Macro-social Structures." *Social Theory & Health* 15:182-205.

#### Recommended Readings:

- Dennis, Alex, Rob Philburn, and Greg Smith. 2013. *Sociologies of Interaction*. Malden, Mass: Polity Press.
- Dobransky, Kerry. 2011. "Labeling, Looping, and Social Control: Contextualizing Diagnosis in Mental Health Care." *Advances in Medical Sociology* 12:111-31.

- Goffman, Erving. 1963. *Stigma: Notes on the Management of Spoiled Identity*. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall.
- \_\_\_\_\_. 1961. *Asylums*. Garden City, NY: Anchor Books.
- Goicoechea, Jessie. 2013. "Invoking and Inscribing Mental Illness: A Discursive Analysis of Diagnostic Terminology in Inpatient Treatment Planning Meetings." *Feminism & Psychology* 23:107-18.
- Gove, Walter R. 1970. "Societal Reaction as an Explanation of Mental Illness: An Evaluation." *American Sociological Review* 35:873-84.
- Link, Bruce G., Frances T. Cullen, Elmer Struening, and Patrick E. Shrout. 1989. "A Modified Labeling Theory Approach to Mental Disorders: An Empirical Assessment." *American Sociological Review* 54:400-23.
- Link, Bruce G., Jerrold Mirotznik, and Francis T. Cullen. 1991. "The Effectiveness of Stigma Coping Orientations: Can Negative Consequences of Mental Illness Labeling be Avoided?" *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 32:302-20.
- MacRae, Hazel. 1999. "Managing Courtesy Stigma: The Case of Alzheimer's Disease." *Sociology of Health and Illness* 21:54-70.
- Moncrieff, Joanna. 2010. "Psychiatric Diagnosis as a Political Device." *Social Theory & Health* 8:370-82.
- Rosenhan, D.L. 1973. "On Being Sane in Insane Places." *Science* 179:250-8.
- Scambler, Graham. 2009. "Health-related Stigma." *Sociology of Health & Illness* 31:441-55.
- Scheff, Thomas. 1966. *Being Mentally Ill: A Sociological Theory*. Chicago: Aldine.
- \_\_\_\_\_. 1963. "The Role of the Mentally Ill and the Dynamics of Mental Disorder." *Sociometry* 26:436-53.
- Scott, Robert A. 1969. *The Making of Blind Men: A Study of Adult Socialization*. New York, NY: Russell Sage Foundation.
- Szasz, Thomas S. 1961. *The Myth of Mental Illness*. New York, NY: Hoeber-Harper.
- Thoits, Peggy A. 2011. "Resisting the Stigma of Mental Illness." *Social Psychology Quarterly* 74:6-28.
- Thomas, Hilary. 2003. "Pregnancy, Illness, and the Concept of Career." *Sociology of Health and Illness* 25:383-407.
- Whitt, H. P., R. L. Meile, and L. M. Larson. 1979. "Illness Role Theory, the Labeling Perspective and the Social Meanings of Illness." *Social Forces* 63:682-97.
- Williams, Simon. 1988. "Goffman, Interactionism, and the Management of Stigma in Everyday Life." Pp. 134-64 in *Sociological Theory and Medical Sociology*, edited by G. Scambler. New York, NY: Tavistock.

#### 4. Interpretive Perspectives II (Negotiated Order/Experience of Illness) – Oct. 4

##### Required Readings:

Bury, Michael. 1982. "Chronic Illness as Biographical Disruption." *Sociology of Health and Illness* 4:167-82.

Strauss, Anselm, Leonard Schatzman, Danuta Ehrlich, Rue Bucher, and Melvin Sabshin. 1963. "The Hospital and Its Negotiated Order." Pp. 147-69 in *The Hospital in Modern Society*, edited by E. Freidson. London, UK: Free Press.

Williams, Simon J. 2000. "Chronic Illness as Biographical Disruption or Biographical Disruption as Chronic Illness? Reflections on a Core Concept." *Sociology of Health and Illness* 22:40-67.

Wouters, Edwin and Katinka De Wet. 2015. "Women's Experience of HIV as a Chronic Illness in South Africa: Hard-earned Lives, Biographical Disruption and Moral Career." *Sociology of Health & Illness* 38:521-42.

##### Recommended Readings:

Anderson, Joan M., Helen Elfert, and Magdalene Lai. 1989. "Ideology in the Clinical Context: Chronic Illness, Ethnicity and the Discourse on Normalisation." *Sociology of Health and Illness* 11: 253-78.

Blaxter, Mildred. 1997. "Whose Fault Is It? People's Own Conceptions of the Reasons for Health Inequalities." *Social Science and Medicine* 44:747-56.

Bury, Michael. 1991. "The Sociology of Chronic Illness: A Review of Research and Prospects." *Sociology of Health and Illness* 13:451-68. *Sociology of Health and Illness* 23:263-85.

Charmaz, Kathy. 2000. "Experiencing Chronic Illness." Pp. 277-92 in *The Handbook of Social Studies in Health and Medicine*, edited by G. L. Albrecht, R. Fitzpatrick, and S. C. Scrimshaw. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

\_\_\_\_\_. 1991. *Good Days, Bad Days: The Self in Chronic Illness and Time*. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press.

\_\_\_\_\_. 1983. "Loss of Self: A Fundamental Form of Suffering in the Chronically Ill." *Sociology of Health and Illness* 5:168-95.

Conrad, Peter. 1994. "The Meaning of Medications: Another Look at Compliance." Pp. 149-61 in *The Sociology of Health and Illness: Critical Perspectives*, 4th ed., edited by P. Conrad and R. Kern. New York: NY: St. Martin's Press.

\_\_\_\_\_. 1987. "The Experience of Illness: Recent and New Directions." *Research in the Sociology of Health Care* 6:1-31.

Conrad, Peter and Kristin A. Baker. 2010. "The Social Construction of Illness: Key Insights and Policy Implications." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 51(supp):S67-79.

Corbin, Juliet and Anselm L. Strauss. 1987. "Accompaniments of Chronic Illness: Changes in Body, Self, Biography, and Biographical Time." *Research in the Sociology of Health Care* 6:249-81.

Davis, Fred. 1963. *Passage Through Crisis*. Indianapolis, IN: Bobbs-Merrill.

Dyck, Isabel. 1995. "Hidden Geographies: The Changing Lifeworlds of Women with Multiple Sclerosis." *Social Science and Medicine* 40:307-20.

- Faircloth, Christopher A., Craig Boylstein, Maude Rittman, Mary Ellen Young, and Jaber Gubrium. 2004. "Sudden Illness and Biographical Flow in Narratives of Stroke Recovery." *Sociology of Health and Illness* 26:242-61.
- Frank, Arthur W. 2002. *At the Will of the Body: Reflections on Illness*. Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin.
- \_\_\_\_\_. 1995. *The Wounded Storyteller: Body, Illness, and Ethics*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- \_\_\_\_\_. 1993. "The Rhetoric of Self-change: Illness Experience as Narrative." *The Sociological Quarterly* 34:39-52.
- Harris, Magdalena. 2009. "Troubling Biographical Disruption: Narratives of Unconcern about Hepatitis C Diagnosis." *Sociology of Health and Illness* 31:1028-42.
- Hudson, Nicky, Lorraine Cully, Caroline Law, Helene Mitchell, Elaine Denny, and Nick Raine-Fenning. 2016. 'We Needed to Change the Mission Statement of the Marriage:' Biographical Disruptions, Appraisals and Revisions among Couples Living with Endometriosis." *Sociology of Health & Illness* 38:721-35.
- Kelleher, David and Gerard Leavey. 2004. *Identity and Health*. New York, NY: Routledge.
- Lawton, Julia. 2003. "Lay Experiences of Health and Illness: Past Research and Future Agendas." *Sociology of Health and Illness* 25:23-40.
- Locock, Louise, Sue Ziebland, and Carol Dumelow. 2009. "Biographical Disruption, Abruption and Repair in the Context of Motor Neuron Disease." *Sociology of Health and Illness* 31:1043-58.
- Mathieson, Cynthia M. and Henderikus J. Stam. 1995. "Renegotiating Identity: Cancer Narratives." *Sociology of Health and Illness* 17:283-306.
- Masse, Raymond and France Legare. 2001. "The Limitations of a Negotiation Model for Perimenopausal Women." *Sociology of Health and Illness* 23:44-64.
- Monaghan, Lee F. and Jonathan Gabe. 2015. "Chronic Illness as Biographical Contingency? Young People's Experiences of Asthma." *Sociology of Health & Illness* 37: 1236-53.
- Pierret, Janine. 2003. "The Illness Experience: State of Knowledge and Perspectives for Research." *Sociology of Health and Illness* 25:4-22.
- \_\_\_\_\_. 2001. "Interviews and Biographical Time: The Case of Long-term HIV Nonprogressors." *Sociology of Health and Illness* 23:159-79.
- Rier, David A. 2000. "The Missing Voice of the Critically Ill: A Medical Sociologist's First-Person Account." *Sociology of Health and Illness* 22:68-93.
- Riessman, Catherine Kohler. 2015. "Ruptures and Sutures: Time, Audience and Identity in an Illness Narrative." *Sociology of Health & Illness* 37:1055-71.
- Robinson, Ian. 1990. "Personal Narratives, Social Careers and Medical Courses: Analysing Life Trajectories in Autobiographies of People with Multiple Sclerosis." *Social Science and Medicine* 30:1173-86.
- Rousseau, Nikki, Jimmy Steele, Carl May, and Catherine Exley. 2014. "Your Whole Life is Lived Through your Teeth': Biographical Disruption and Experiences of Tooth Loss and Replacement." *Sociology of Health and Illness* 36:462-76.
- Roth, Julius. 1963. *Timetables*. New York, NY: Bobbs-Merrill.
- Schneider, Joseph W. and Peter Conrad. 1983. *Having Epilepsy: The Experience and Control of Illness*. Philadelphia, PA: Temple University Press.

Sulik, Gayle A. 2011. "Our Diagnoses, Our Selves: The Rise of the Technoscientific Illness Identity." *Sociological Compass* 5/6:463-77.

Swartz, Leslie. 1987. "Illness Negotiation: The Case of Eating Disorders." *Social Science and Medicine* 24:613-8.

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*Symbolic Interaction* 24 (4), 2001. Special Issue on Symbolic Interactionism and Inequality.

Taghizadeh Larsson, Annika and Eva Jeppsson Grassman. 2012. "Bodily Changes Among People Living with Physical Impairments and Chronic Illnesses: Biographical Disruption or Normal Illness?" *Sociology of Health and Illness* 34:1156-69.

Williams, Gareth. 1984. "The Genesis of Chronic Illness: Narrative Reconstruction." *Sociology of Health and Illness* 6:175-200.

Young, J. T. 2004. "Illness Behaviour: A Selective Review and Synthesis." *Sociology of Health and Illness* 26:1-31.

## 5. Critical Political Economy - Oct.11

Text from Downton Abbey:

P1: Surely you believe that servants are human beings.

P2: Yes, but only on their day off!



**Required Readings:**

Brown, Nik, Laura Machin, and Danae McLeod. 2011. "Immunitary Bioeconomy: The Economisation of Life in the International Cord Blood Market." *Social Science & Medicine* 72:1115-22.

Coburn, David. 2000. "Income Inequality, Social Cohesion and the Health Status of Populations: The Role of Neo-Liberalism." *Social Science and Medicine* 51:135-46.

Doyal, Lesley. 1979. Chapter 1. *The Political Economy of Health*. London: Pluto Press.

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##### **'Go home' campaign against illegal immigrants could go nationwide**

David Cameron's spokesman says controversial scheme involving mobile vans advertising a helpline for people to leave UK is working

☐ [Andrew Sparrow](#), political correspondent

☐ [The Guardian](#), Monday 29 July 2013 12.51 BST



One of the Home Office's mobile vans offering help to illegal immigrants who want to leave the UK. Photograph: Rick Findler

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