

**ANTHROPOLOGY OF DIS/ABILITY Anth/ Hudv30405 Ssad/Maps
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Thurs. 3-6:00 P.M.

This seminar will explore a wide range of theoretical, legal, ethical, and policy issues as they relate to the experiences of individuals with disabilities, their families, and advocates. At the conclusion of the course, students will make presentations on fieldwork projects conducted during the quarter.

NOTE: * purchase books at Coop; other materials on e-reserve Anth 30405.

Session I (Oct. 2): ISSUES/PERSPECTIVES IN ANTHROPOLOGY OF DIS/ABILITY

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Fleischer, D. et al. "Identity and Culture." In The Disability Rights Movement, pp. 201-215 (2001).

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Session II (FRIDAY, Oct. 10): ISSUES/PERSPECTIVES cont'd

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Garland-Thomson, R. "Introduction: From Wonder to Error...In Freakery, p. 1-13 (1996).

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Dewsbury, G. et al. "The anti-social model of disability." Disability & Society, 19:2: 145-158 (2004).

Switzer, J. "The ADA as Policy." In Disabled Rights, 112-143 (2003).

Moran, C. "Beyond content: Does using humor help coping?" Disability Studies Quarterly, 23:3/4 (2003).

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Session III (Oct. 16): THE CASE OF AUTISM

Guests: Dr. Peter Smith (UC Medical School); Dr. Patricia Wright (Nat'l Dir. for Autism Services, Easter Seals); Elizabeth Nickrenz, Ph.D. Cand. Comp. Human Dev.

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Shore, S. "Life on and Slightly to the Right of the Autism Spectrum." EP Magazine, pp. 85-90 (2003).

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Solomon, A. "The Autism Rights Movement." New York Magazine.
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Pont, E. "The Culture of Physician Autonomy; 1900 to the Present." Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics (2000), 9, 98-119.

Lupton, D. "Power Relations and the Medical Encounter." In Medicine as Culture, pp.113-141 (2003).

Session IV (Oct. 23): DIS/ABILITY AND CULTURES

Whyte, S. "Disability and culture: an overview." In Disability and Culture, pp. 3-32 (1995).

*Nakamura, K. Deaf in Japan. Cornell U. Press (2006).

Gottlieb, N. "Language and Disability in Japan." Disability & Society, 16:7:981-995 (2001).

Aiello, A. and M. "Cochlear Implants and Deaf Identity." In Bragg (ed.) Deaf World, pp. 406-412 (2001).

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McDermott, R. "Culture 'as' Disability." Anthropology and Education Quarterly, 26:3: 324-348 (1995).

Session V (Oct. 30): REPRESENTATIVE OF DIS/ABILITY IN THE MEDIA

Lupton, D. "Representation of Medicine, Illness and Disease in Elite and Popular Culture." In Medicine as Culture, pp. 54-83 (2003).

Wahl, O. Media Madness, pp. 56-85 (1995).

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Haller, B. et al. "Media Labeling *versus* the US disability community identity: a study of shifting cultural language." Disability & Society, 21:1: 61-75 (2006)

Titchkosky, T. "Disability in the news: a reconsideration of reading." Disability & Society, 20:6:655-668 (2005).

O'Barr, W. "Analyzing Social Ideology in Advertisements." Culture and the Ad, pp. 1-16 (1994).

Frith, K. Undressing the Ad: Reading Culture in Advertising, pp.1-17 (1998).

Dolmage, J. (ed.) "Responding to *Million Dollar Baby*: A Forum." Disability Studies Quarterly 25:3 (2005). (skim)

Hayes, M. and R. Black. "Troubling Signs: Disability, Hollywood Movies and the Construction of a Discourse of Pity." Disability Studies Quarterly 23:2: 114-132 (2003).

www.disabilityfilms.co.uk

Session VI (Nov. 6): MENTAL HEALTH COURTS (prior visit to court)

Guest: Prof. Mark Heyrman, Mandel Legal Aid Clinic, U. of Chicago Law School

Weinberg, D. "The Social Construction of non-Human Agency: The Case of Mental Disorder." Social Problems, 44:2:217-234 (1997).

Morris, N. "Ake Dah." In The Brothel Boy and Other Parables of the Law. pp. 83-127 (1992).

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Session VII (Nov. 13): LAW AND DIS/ABILITY: DEINSTITUTIONALIZATION

Guest: E.G. Enbar, Policy Analyst, Equip for Equality (1999-2006)

Background:

Angrosino, M. "Mental Disability in the United States: an Interactionist Perspective." In Questions of Competence, pp. 25-53 (1998).

Paterniti, D. "The Micropolitics of Identity in Adverse Circumstance: A Study of Identity Making in a Total Institution." J. of Contemporary Ethnography, 29:1: 93-119 (2000).

Gill, M. "The Myth of Transition: contractualizing disability in the sheltered workshop." Disability & Society, 20:6 613-623 (2005).

Taylor, Stephen. " 'You're Not a Retard, You're Just Wise': Disability, Social Identity and Family Networks." J. of Contemporary Ethnography 29:1:58-92 (2000).

Policy:

www.equipforequality.org see Publications: Community Integration Report. Segregation or Community Integration?; see Abuse Investigation Reports and Handbooks: Lincoln Developmental Center

Equip for Equality. *Ligas v. Maram* Fact Sheet

Session VIII (Nov. 20): ETHICAL DILEMMAS AND SOCIAL POLICY

Part I: Pre-natal Testing: Guest: Mary Mahowald, U of Chicago MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics

Kent, Deborah. "Somewhere a Mockingbird." In Parens, E. and A. Asch, Prenatal Testing and Disability Rights, pp. 3-43 (2000).

Baily, Mary Ann. "Why I had amniocentesis." Prenatal Testing... pp. 57-71.

Mahowald, Mary B. "Prenatal Testing for Selection against Disability." (incl. responses) Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics 16:1: 457-482 (2007).

Parens, E. and A. Asch. "Disability Rights Critique of Prenatal Genetic Testing..." Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Research Reviews, 9:40-47 (2003).

Mahowald M. "Drawing Lines between Extremes: Medical Enhancement and Eugenics." The Pluralist 1:2: 19-34 (2006).

Rapp, R. "Chromosomes and Communication: The Discourse of Genetic Counseling." Medical Anthropology Quarterly, New Series, 2:2: 143-157 (1988).

Part II: Constructing Dis/ability Policy

Samaha, A. "What Good is the Social Model of Disability?" 74 U. Chi.L. Rev. 1251 (2007).

Scotch, Richard K. and Kay Shriner. "Disability as Human Variation: Implications for Policy." Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, 148-159 (Jan. 1997).

Barnes, C. "What a Difference a Decade Makes: reflections on doing 'emancipatory' disability research." Disability & Society, 18:1:3-17 (2003).

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(Nov 27) - Thanksgiving Break

Session IX (Dec. 4): Field Research presentations

Session X (Dec. 11): Field Research presentations

Written Projects Due: Dec. 15