

# THE SOCIAL HISTORY OF AMERICAN MEDICINE

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## COURSE ORGANIZATION

The seminar is designed to introduce graduate students in history and in public health to the social history of medicine. The particular focus will be on the idea and practice of medicine as a profession, with frequent reference to sociological concepts and to the American experience in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Requirements for the course include reading, intensive class discussions, and one seminar paper (due early December). Students will also be responsible for making short, opening presentations.

Readings from primary sources and articles are on reserve at the History department (4<sup>th</sup> floor, Fayerweather), in Butler Library, and in Hammer Library (168<sup>th</sup> Street). All places provide easy access to photocopy machines. Course packs are available for purchase at the Village Copier (112<sup>th</sup> Street and Broadway).

Books that have been ordered for the course are: Charles Bosk, Forgive and Remember; Michel Foucault, The Birth of the Clinic; Elliot Friedson, Professionalism: The Third Logic; Kenneth M. Ludmerer, Time to Heal; and David J. Rothman, Strangers at the Bedside. They are available at the Columbia University bookstore.

## THE SOCIAL HISTORY OF AMERICAN MEDICINE

### I. THE CONCEPT OF PROFESSIONALISM

\* Michel Foucault, The Birth of the Clinic. Vintage, 1994. chs. 3, 5-9.

\* Elliot Friedson, Professionalism: The Third Logic. University of Chicago Press, 2003. Preface, chs. 1, 5-8.

Talcott Parsons, The Social System. Routledge, 1991. ch. 10.

### II. MEDICINE AS A PROFESSION

#### 1. General Overviews of the American Experience

Magali Sarfatti Larson, The Rise of Professionalism: A Sociological Analysis. University of California, 1977. chs. 8-9.

William G. Rothstein, American Physicians in the Nineteenth Century. Johns Hopkins University, 1972. ch. 4.

Paul Starr, The Social Transformation of American Medicine. Basic Books, 1982. pp. 1-78.

Mark Schlesinger, "A Loss of Faith: The Sources of Reduced Political Legitimacy for the American Medical Profession." Milbank Quarterly, 2002; 80(2): 185-235.

David J. Rothman, "Professionalism: Focusing on the Real Issues." NEJM, 2000; 342(17): 1284-1286.

#### 2. Training to the Profession

\* Kenneth Ludmerer, Time to Heal. Oxford, 1999. chs. 1-3, 5-6, 9.

### 3. Regulating Medicine

John H. Warner, The Therapeutic Perspective. Harvard, 1986. ch. 4.

\* Charles Bosk, Forgive and Remember. Chicago, 2003.

L.G. Pawlson and M.E. O’Kane, “Professionalism, Regulation, and the Market: Impact on Accountability for Quality of Care.” Health Affairs, 2002; 21(3): 200-207.

The Institute of Medicine, To Err is Human. National Academy Press, 2000. chs. 2-3, 5.

### 4. Medicine and the Marketplace

Mark Rodwin, Medicine, Money, and Morals: Physicians’ Conflicts of Interest. Oxford, 1993. chs. 1-2, 5.

David J. Rothman, “Money and Medicine: What Should Physicians Earn/Be Paid?” From Eli Ginzberg: The Economist as Public Intellectual. Irving Louis Horowitz, ed. Transaction, 2002. pp. 107-120.

Sara Rosenbaum, “The Impact of United States Law on Medicine as a Profession.” JAMA, 2003; 289(12): 1546-1556.

Ashley Wazana, “Physicians and the Pharmaceutical Industry: Is a Gift Ever Just a Gift?” JAMA, 2000; 283(3): 373-380.

Susan Chimonas and David Rothman, “New Federal Guidelines for Physician-Pharmaceutical Industry Relations: The Politics of Policy Formation.” Health Affairs, 2005; 24(4): 949-960.

Troyen Brennan, D.J. Rothman, et al., “Health Industry Practices that Create Conflict of Interest: A Policy Proposal for Academic Medical Centers.” JAMA, 2006; 295(4): 429-433.

Susan Chimonas and David Rothman, “Physicians and Drug Representatives: Exploring the Dynamics of the Relationship.” Journal of General Internal Medicine (to be published fall 2006).

## 5. Women as Doctors

Regina Morantz-Sanchez, Sympathy and Science: Women Physicians in American Medicine. Oxford, 1985. chs. 4-7, 9.

Ellen S. More, Restoring the Balance: Women Physicians and the Profession of Medicine, 1850-1995. Cambridge, 1999. chs. 4-7.

## 6. Health Care and the State

David J. Rothman, Beginnings Count: The Technological Imperative in American Health Care. Oxford, 1997. chs. 3-4, 6.

## 7. Technology and the Doctor-Patient Relationship

\* David J. Rothman, Strangers at the Bedside. Transaction, 2003. Introduction, chs. 6-11, Epilogue.

Margarete Sandelowski, Devices and Desires: Gender, Technology, and American Nursing. University of North Carolina, 2000. chs. 3-6.

Joel Howell, Technology in the Hospital: Transforming Patient Care in the Early Twentieth Century. Baltimore, 1995. Chs. 1-2, 4-5.

David Blumenthal, "Doctors in a Wired World: Can Professionalism Survive Connectivity?" Milbank Quarterly, 2002; 80(3): 525-546.