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**Chicano/Latino Studies 146 & Anthropology 134D:
Culture and Health: Latino Dimensions in Medicine**

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University of California, Irvine
Chicano/Latino Studies Program
Course code: (CLS 146); (Anth 134D)

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Course Description

This course introduces the student to medical anthropological perspectives of Latino/as in a variety of settings. Emphasis will be placed on understanding the intersection of immigration, mental health, gender, reproduction, and spirituality in analyzing how the experience of health and illness is shaped by these factors and, consequently, how Latino/as are interpreted and constructed through the lens of medicine.

Requirements

Reading: This is a lecture and discussion class. Students are required to read the designated texts and/or articles prior to class and come prepared to discuss the readings. Student participation is not optional. **YOU ARE REQUIRED TO COME TO CLASS PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE.**

Attendance: Weekly attendance is required.

Papers: 2 short papers 3-4 pages **MAXIMUM**. Due 4/17 and 5/8. Guidelines for these will be distributed on the first day of class.

Group Presentations: Students will be divided into 6 groups; each group will be responsible for leading one discussion session. Specific guidelines will be distributed in class.

Illness Narrative: Paper 6-8 pages **MAXIMUM**. Based on an interview conducted with an adult (age 21 or over) who has experienced some clinical misfortune and/or treatment (biomedical or other). Due 5/29.

Final Exam: There will be an essay-format take-home final exam. The exam will present you with six essay questions, from which you will pick three and write short essays of 2 – 3 pages maximum. The exam will be due 6/10 by 12:30pm. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Evaluation:

Attendance	10%
Two short papers:	10% each
Group Presentation:	20%
Illness Narrative:	20%
Final Exam:	30%

Miscellaneous:

If you have a scheduling conflict with another class, lab, or your job, you cannot take this class. This is a basic and minimal requirement for your participation in this class. There will be **no exceptions** to this policy.

Required Readings

Course Reader

Vilma Santiago-Irizarry, Medicalizing Ethnicity

Kaja Finkler, Women in Pain

Week 1

I. Introduction: Medical Anthropology and Latino/as.

- 4/1 Introduction to Course:
Requirements. What is Medical Anthropology? Overview of course.
- 4/3 Read: Hass & Rubel, "Ethnomedicine" in Reader

Lock & Scheper-Hughes, "A Critical-Interpretive Approach" in Reader

Week 2

II. Immigration.

- 4/8 Constructing Disease
Read: Markel & Stern, "Which Face? Whose Nation?" in Reader

Molina, "Illustrating Cultural Authority" in Reader

Kraut, "Viruses and Bacteria don't ask for a Green Card" in Reader

- 4/10 Illness Attributions
Read: Waxler, "The Social Labeling Perspective on Illness and Medical Practice" in Reader
- Singer, "SIDA" in Reader
- Borneman, "Emigres as Bullets" in Reader

Week 3

- 4/15 Problems of Access
Read: Chávez et. al., "Undocumented Latina Immigrants in Orange County" in Reader
- Chávez, "Immigration and Medical Anthropology
- Guest: Leo Chávez*

- 4/17 Consequences
Read: Menjivar, "The Ties that Heal" in Reader
- Film: Uneasy Neighbors*

1ST PAPER DUE

Week 4

- 4/22 Health Services
Read: Chavez, et. al., "Undocumented Latin American Immigrants and U.S. Health Services" in Reader
- Stebbins, "Does Access to Health Services Guarantee Improved Health Status" in Reader
- Schur, "The Importance of Distinguishing subpopulations" in Reader
- Guest: Leo Chavez*

III. Mental Health Context.

- 4/24 Ethnicity vs. Race in clinical settings
Read: Santiago-Irizarry, Intro, Ch. 1-3

Week 5

4/29 Language and "Cultural Sensitivity"
Read: Santiago-Irizarry, Ch. 4, 5, and conclusion

Guest: Alex Gradilla

IV. Gender
5/1 Sickness and Gender
Read: Finkler, Intro., Ch. 1-4

Week 6

5/6 Sick Women in Mexico
Read: Finkler, Ch. 5-6

Guest: Leo Chavez

5/8 Case Studies
Read: Finkler, Ch. 7-9 or 10-12 or 13-15 AND conclusion

2ND PAPER DUE

Week 7

V. Reproduction
5/13 Constructing Latina Fertility
Roberts, "Who may give birth to citizens?" in Reader

Browner, "Interpreting Low-Income Latinas' Amniocentesis Refusals" in Reader

Browner, "Latinas, Amniocentesis and the Discourse of Choice" in Reader

5/15 Implications
Read: Velez-Ibanez, "The Non-Consenting Sterilization of Mexican Women in Los Angeles" in Reader

Velez-Ibanez, "Se Me Acabó la Canción" in Reader

Guest: Carlos Velez-Ibanez

VI. Competing Systems

Week 8

5/20 Different Interpretations
Read: Worseley, "Non-Western Medical Systems" in Reader

Chavez et. al., "Structure and meaning in models"

Guest: Leo Chavez, Juliet McMullin

5/22

Spiritual Practices

Read: Viesca Treviño, "Curanderismo in Mexico & Guatemala" in Reader

Núñez Molina, "Community Healing Among Puerto Ricans" in Reader

Film: Curanderismo

Week 9

5/27

Santería in Orange County

Read: Owen Jones et. al., "Invisible Hospitals: Botánicas in Ethnic Health Care" in Reader

Last, "The Professionalization of Indigenous Healers" in Reader

Guest: Community Healer

5/29

Comparisons

Read: Finkler, "Sacred Healing and Biomedicine Compared" in Reader

Napolitano, "Medical Pluralism" in Reader

ILLNESS NARRATIVE DUE

VII. What's in store for the future? Where do we go from here?

Week 10

6/3

Migrant Health

Read: Azevedo and Bogue, "Health and Occupational Risks" in Reader

Hirsch, "Anthropologists, Migrants, and Health Research" in Reader

Film:

6/5

Research Agenda

Read: Hayes-Bautista, "The Latino Health Research Agenda" in Reader

Farmer, "Commentary" in Reader

FINAL DUE 6/10 by 12:30pm

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