History of Modern Medicine: Enlightenment to Present

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Thursdays, 10-12

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We will be concentrating upon the relationship of changing medical structures, practices, and ideas to the broader context from the 18th century to the present. For that reason, you should be familiar with the general contours of European and U. S. history over those centuries. If necessary, you might supplement course readings with a general history text(s) recommended by a faculty member.

There will be two short (5-7 pp.) written assignments.


February 2  Master Narratives in the History of Modern Medicine


N.C. Jewson, “The disappearance of the sick-man from medical cosmology, 1770-1870.” Sociology, 10 (1976): 225-244


ENLIGHTENMENT (1700-1789)

February 9  The Individual Gaze


February 16  The Group Gaze


THE AGE OF REVOLUTIONS (1789-1850)

**February 23  Paris Clinic**


March 1  Public Health


March 8  Private Health


THE RISE OF SCIENTIFIC MEDICINE (1850-1890)

**March 15  Physiology as the Basis of Medicine**


**March 29  Bacteriology as the Basis of Medicine**


Michael Worboys, “Was there a Bacteriological Revolution in late nineteenth century medicine?” *Studies in History and Philosophy of Biological and Biomedical Sciences* 38 (2007), pp. 20-42


"Discussion on the Advisability of the Registration of Tuberculosis,"  


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**THE FRUITS OF MODERNITY (1890-1975)**

**April 5**  
**The Hospital Transformed**

Rosemary Stevens, *In Sickness & In Wealth: American Hospitals in the Twentieth Century* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins UP, 1989), pp. 3-51, 105-139 (chapters 1, 2, 5).


Reform of Medical Education and the New Public Health

April 12


Charles V. Chapin, *The Source and Modes of Infection* (New York: John Wiley and Sons, 1910). Read preface to first edition and spend 30 minutes paging through the text.


Recommended:


April 19  Modernity and Mortality


April 26  The Golden Age of Medicine


Paul Ehrlich, “Modern Chemotherapy,” in Milestones in Microbiology, ed. Thomas Brock (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 1999), 163-175.

THE RETURN OF UNCERTAINTY (1975-Present)

May 3  The Return of Uncertainty


Paul Farmer, Infections and Inequalities: The Modern Plagues (Berkeley, University of California Press, 1999), pp. 37-58 (chapter 2) and 184-210 (chapter 7)


Recommended

Peter Keating and Alberto Cambrosio, “Beyond ‘Bad News’: The Diagnosis, Prognosis and Classification of Lymphomas and Lymphoma