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Medical Sociology and Social Psychiatry  
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**Course Description:** This course focuses on medical sociology and the sociology of mental health. This course will cover the social construction of illness and disease, the personal and professional definition and recognition of illness, the distribution and determinants of illness, disease, and sickness in the population, and the politics of medical research. Other courses that are offered in the sociology department or the Social Studies in Medicine program cover topics such as personal experiences of illness, the social consequences of illness and disease, interactions with medical professionals, organizations, and systems, and the changing nature of the professionals, organizations, and systems themselves. Each course is intellectually coherent and distinct from the other. Students who want to develop a comprehensive understanding of the subfields of medical sociology and the sociology of mental health are encouraged to enroll in this course and take other courses in medical sociology that are offered at McGill.

**Course Organization:** Most class sessions will consist of a combination of structured, formal presentation and discussion of the course material. For each topic, I will provide an introduction and overview of the relevant intellectual history, controversies, and debates. We will then turn to a discussion of the readings, based on a series of questions written by members of the class. I encourage you to participate actively throughout the course—ask questions, challenge what class members have said, make connections to material from other courses, and relate the course material to your own developing projects. We will all learn more, and the course will be much more enjoyable, if you are actively engaged in class.

Course Readings: The reading list for the course includes required readings and recommended readings, which encompass both classic and contemporary works. For almost every topic, at least one review article is included (sometimes in the recommended readings), marked with \*\*. The readings are drawn primarily from sociology but you will find a sample of readings from other disciplines. By their very nature, the problems of interest to medical sociologists require knowledge of other fields.

The subfields of medical sociology and the sociology of mental health are very broad. This course cannot cover every topic within these subfields. Even within the topics that I have selected for the course, I was not able to assign every book or article that has made a major contribution to the field. I encourage you to peruse the recommended readings as your time

allows, and to ask for additional references whenever you are interested.

### **Required Books:**

- The article readings for the course will be available on WebCT.
- The books for the course are the following; Anne E. Figert's *Women and the Ownership of PMS* and Richard G. Wilkinson's *Unhealthy Societies* are available at the Paragraph bookstore.

There are several general reference books in medical sociology and the sociology of mental health that you may find helpful. These include:

*The Handbook of the Sociology of Mental Health*, ed. by Carol S. Aneshensel and Jo C. Phelan

*A Handbook for the Study of Mental Health*, ed. by Allan V. Horwitz and Teresa L. Scheid

*The Handbook of Medical Sociology*. There are several editions, all of which are good. David Mechanic's *Medical Sociology* and *Mental Health and Social Policy* (the latter is not available in the library but I have a copy).

*Profession of Medicine* by Eliot Freidson

*Medical Sociology* by William Cockerham.

Linda H. Aiken and David Mechanic's *Applications of Social Science to Clinical Medicine and Health Policy*.

The major journals in these areas include:

*Journal of Health and Social Behavior* (the official ASA journal in the area; some years are only on microfilm)

*Social Science and Medicine*

*Sociology of Health and Illness*

*Milbank Quarterly*

*Health Affairs*

*Journal of Health Politics, Policy, and Law*

*Medical Care*

*American Journal of Public Health*

You will also find relevant articles in the Annual Review of Sociology, Advances in the Sociology of Health Care, Annual Review of Public Health, and the Annual Review of Psychology

Course Objectives: This course was designed with five main objectives in mind:

1. To provide an introduction to major classic and contemporary works in medical sociology and the sociology of mental health.
2. To provide a forum for the discussion of controversies within these subfields, including debates about theory, substance, and methodology, and across the various disciplines that are concerned with health, illness, and healing.
3. To illuminate the connections between these subfields, the broader disciplinary concerns of sociology, and the pragmatic concerns of health care policy.
4. To improve students' skills at reading and critiquing sociological theory and research, and at understanding the interests and concerns of medical professionals and systems.
5. To improve students' skills at designing and implementing empirical research projects that will contribute to our knowledge of the role of social factors in health, illness, and healing, and to our basic knowledge about social structures, individuals, and their interrelations.

Course Requirements: All class members are expected to complete the required readings before the class session during which they will be discussed. Recommended readings are listed for your interest, but will not be covered explicitly in the course.

Graded course requirements are as follows:

1. Prepare and lead discussion of the readings for two class meetings with a partner. My goal in asking you to do this is to enhance your ability to integrate diverse theoretical perspectives and to identify themes within the research literature. Sometime before each class meeting (preferably by the Monday preceding the class), the discussion leaders and I will meet to discuss the format of the class meeting. Discussion leaders are expected to provide members of the class with copies of the discussion questions, in advance, whenever possible. Discussion leaders are also expected to submit individually-written 2-3 page papers that summarize the readings briefly, and describe the questions they developed and the reasons for their interest in the questions. Grades for this activity will be based on the insightfulness and creativity of the discussion questions and the quality of the papers that discussion leaders submit. Each discussion that you lead will contribute 10% to your final grade for the course.
2. A research paper that develops a research question (or questions), identifies relevant data, and provides speculative answers to the questions. The specific requirements for the paper are listed on a separate page of the syllabus. This paper will contribute 60% to your final grade in the course. Final papers are due the last day of class.

3. Active participation in the class. Participation will be gauged primarily by your participation in class discussions and your level of preparation for those discussions. Class participation will contribute 20% to your final grade in the course.

In addition to these requirements, each member of the class is expected to read and comment on the initial drafts of the research papers written by two other students. Research is a collective enterprise; professional sociologists routinely share drafts of proposals and articles, and comment on each other's work. This expectation introduces you to that aspect of professional life, and allows you to practice your developing skills in critiquing theoretical and empirical arguments. Your comments are due on the last week of class. Although I will not evaluate your comments, I reserve the right to penalize students who do not provide thoughtful comments.

Professional Responsibility: All students' rights and responsibilities as outlined in the *Code of Student Ethics* will be enforced in this course. You are responsible for becoming familiar with this book and all other relevant Department and University policies. Students are obligated to give proper attribution for ideas drawn from other sources, and to ensure that information provided in written or oral presentations is accurate.

## Course Schedule

Week 1 Introduction to the Course Content and Themes  
The History and Future of Medical Sociology

### Required:

Mechanic, David. 1993. "Social Research in Health and the American Sociopolitical Context: The Changing Fortunes of Medical Sociology." *Social Science and Medicine* 36:95-102.

Levine, Sol. 1995. "Time for Creative Integration in Medical Sociology." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* (Extra Issue): 1-4.

Pescosolido, Bernice A., Jane D. McLeod, and Margarita Alegria. forthcoming. "Confronting the Second Social Contract: The Place of Medical Sociology in Research and Policy for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century." *Handbook of Medical Sociology*, ed. by Chloe Bird, Allen Fremont, and Peter Conrad.

Pescosolido et al. 2007. *Through the Looking Glass: The Fortunes of the Sociology of Mental Health*. Mental Health.

### Recommended:

Brown, Phil. 1991. "Themes in Medical Sociology." *Journal of Health Policy, Politics, and Law* 16:595-604.

Pescosolido, Bernice A. and Jennie J. Kronenfeld. 1995. "Health, Illness, and Healing in an Uncertain Era: Challenges From and For Medical Sociology." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* (Extra Issue): 5-33.

Week 2 The Social Construction of Illness, Medicalization, and Social

### Required:

Conrad. The shifting engines of medicalization. 2005. *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 46:3-14

Figert, Anne E. 1996. *Women and the Ownership of PMS: The Structuring of a Psychiatric Disorder*. New York: Aldine de Gruyter.

\*\*Brown, Phil . 1995. "Naming and Framing: The Social Construction of Diagnosis and Illness." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* (Extra Issue):34-52.

Conrad, Peter. 1975. "The Discovery of Hyperkinesis: Notes on the Medicalization of Deviant Behavior." *Social Problems* 23:12-21  
Freidson, Eliot. 1970.

"Illness as Social Deviance." Pp. 205-223 in *Profession of Medicine: A Study of the Sociology of Applied Knowledge*. New York: Dodd, Mead, and Company.

Recommended:

Bell, Susan. 1987. "Changing Ideas: The Medicalization of Menopause." *Social Science and Medicine* 24:535-42.

\*\*Conrad, Peter. 1992. "Medicalization and Social Control." *Annual Review of Sociology* 18:209-32.

Foucault, Michel. 1965. *Madness and Civilization: A History of Insanity in the Age of Reason*. New York: Pantheon.

Horwitz, Allan. 1982. *The Social Control of Mental Illness*. New York: Academic Press.

Riessman, Catherine Kohler and Constance A. Nathanson. 1986. *The Management of Reproduction: Social Construction of Risk and Responsibility*. Pp. 251-81 in L.H. Aiken and D. Mechanic (eds.) *Applications of Social Science to Clinical Medicine and Health Policy*, New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press.

Rogler, Lloyd H. 1997. "Making Sense of Historical Changes in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders: Five Propositions." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 38:9-20.

Rothman, Barbara Katz. 1989. *Recreating Motherhood: Ideology and Technology in a Patriarchal Society*. New York: Norton.

Szasz, Thomas. 1960. "The Myth of Mental Illness." *The American Psychologist* 15:133-8.

Theriot, Nancy M. 1997. "Women's Voices in Nineteen-Century Medical Discourse: A Step Toward Deconstructing Science." Pp. 156-86 in B. Laslett, R.B. Joeres, M.J. Maynes, E.B. Higginbotham, and J. Barker-Nunn (eds.) *History and Theory: Feminist Research, Debates,*

Contestations. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Zola, Irving Kenneth. 1972. "Medicine as an Institution of Social Control." *Sociological Review* 20:487-504.

Week 3 Professional Theories and the Recognition of Illness

Required:

Horwitz, Allan et al. 2006. The Epidemic in Mental Illness: Clinical Fact or Survey Artifact?. *Contexts* 5(1):19-23

Freidson, Eliot. 1970. "The Professional Construction of Concepts of Illness." Pp. 244-77 in *Profession of Medicine: A Study of the Sociology of Applied Knowledge*. New York: Dodd, Mead, and Company.

Loring, Marti and Brian Powell. 1989. "Gender, Race, and DSM-III: A Study of the Objectivity of Psychiatric Diagnostic Behavior." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 29:1-22.

Mirowsky, John and Catherine E. Ross. 1989. "Psychiatric Diagnosis as Reified Measurement." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 30:11-25 (with comments).

Phelan, Jo C. and Bruce G. Link. 1999. "The Labeling Theory of Mental Disorder (I): The Role of Social Contingencies in the Application of Psychiatric Labels." Pp. 139-149 in *A Handbook for the Study of Mental Health*, ed. by A.V. Horwitz and T.L. Scheid. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.

Waitzkin, Howard. 1989. "A Critical Theory of Medical Discourse: Ideology, Social Control, and the Processing of Social Context in Medical Encounters." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 30:220-39.

Recommended:

Brown, Phil. 1987. "Diagnostic Conflict and Contradiction in Psychiatry." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 28:37-50.

"Link, Bruce G. and Francis J. Cullen. 1990. "The Labeling Theory of Mental Disorder: A Review of the Evidence." Pp. 75-105 in J.R.

Greenley (ed.) *Research in Community and Mental Health*, Vol. 6, Greenwich, CT: JAI Press.

Rosenfield, Sarah. 1984. "Race Differences in Involuntary

Hospitalization: Psychiatric vs. Labeling Perspectives." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 25:14-23.

Scheff, Thomas J. 1963. "The Role of the Mentally Ill and the Dynamics of Mental Disorder: A Research Framework." *Sociometry* 26:436-53.

Week 4      Lay Theories and the Recognition of Illness

Required:

Freidson, Eliot. 1970. "The Lay Construction of Illness." Chapter 13 in *Profession of Medicine: A Study in the Sociology of Applied Knowledge*. New York: Dodd, Mead.

Karp, David A. 1996. *Speaking of Sadness*, pp. 50-77. New York: Oxford University Press.

Kleinman, Arthur. 1988. "Do Psychiatric Disorders Differ in Different Cultures?: The Findings" Pp. 34-52 in *Rethinking Psychiatry*, New York: Free Press.

Thoits, Peggy A. 1985. "Self-labeling Processes in Mental Illness: The Role of Emotional Deviance." *American Journal of Sociology* 91:221-49.

Weitz, Rose. 1989. "Uncertainty and the Lives of Persons with AIDS." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 30:270-81.

Recommended:

Angel, Ronald and Peggy A. Thoits. 1987. "The Impact of Culture on the Cognitive Structure of Illness." *Culture, Medicine, and Psychiatry* 11:465-94.

Furnham, Adrian and William Kuyken. 1991. "Lay Theories of Depression." *Journal of Social Behavior and Personality* 6:329-42.

Mechanic, David. 1972. "Social Psychologic Factors Affecting the Presentation of Bodily Complaints." *New England Journal of Medicine* 286:1132-39.

Zborowski, Mark. 1952. "Cultural Components in Response to Pain." *Journal of Social Issues* 8:16-30.

Week 5      Measuring Health: Personal Reports and Official Statistics

Required:

Etches et al. Measuring population health: a review of indicators. 2006. *Annu. Rev. Public. Health* 27-29-55.

Hahn, Robert A., Joseph Mulinare, and Steven M Teutsch. 1992. "Inconsistencies in Coding of Race and Ethnicity Between Birth and Death in US Infants." *Journal of the American Medical Association* 267: 259-63.

\*\*Idler, Ellen L. and Yael Benyamini. 1997. "Self-Rated Health and Mortality: A Review of Twenty Seven Community Studies." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 38:21-37.

Kitsuse, John and Aaron Cicourel. 1963. "A Note on the Uses of Official Statistics." *Social Problems* 11:131-9.

Pescosolido, Bernice A. and Robert Mendelsohn. 1986. "Social Causation or Social Organization of Suicide? An Investigation into the Social Organization of Official Rates." *American Sociological Review* 51:80-101.

\*\*Switzer, Galen E., Mary Amanda Dew, and Evelyn J, Bromet. 1999. "Issues in Mental Health Assessment." Pp. 81-104 in *Handbook of the Sociology of Mental Health*, ed. by C.S Aneshensel and J.C. Phelan, New York: Kluwer Academic/Plenum.

Recommended:

Dohrenwend, Bruce P. and Barbara Snell Dohrenwend. 1982. "Perspectives on the Past and Future of Psychiatric Epidemiology." *American Journal of Public Health* 72:1271-9.

Dohrenwend, Bruce P. and Barbara S. Dohrenwend. 1969. *Social Status and Psychological Disorder*, Chapter 1. New York: Wiley.

Sonuga-Barke, Edmund J. S. 1998. "Categorical Models of Childhood Disorder: A Conceptual and Empirical Analysis." *Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry* 39:115-33.

Week 6 Social Epidemiology: Challenges from Within and Without

Required:

Duell, Eric J. 2006. "The future of epidemiology: methodological challenges and multilevel inference." *Bun des ge sund heits bl - Gesund heits forsch - Gesund heitss chutz* 49:622-627

Foxman, Betsy et al. 2005. Challenges of epidemiology in the 21st century: comments from the leaders of several epidemiology Associations." *Annals of epidemiology* 15:1-4

Fremont, Allen M. and Chloe E. Bird. 1999. "Integrating Sociological and Biological Models: An Editorial." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 40:126-9.

Link, Bruce G. and Jo Phelan. 1995. "Social Conditions as Fundamental Causes of Disease." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* (Extra Issue):80-94.

Kessler, Ronald C., Katherine A. McGonagle, Shanyang Zhao, Christopher B. Nelson, Michael Hughes, Suzann Eshleman, Hans-Ulrich Wittchen, and Kenneth S. Kendler. 1994. "Lifetime and 12-Month Prevalence of DSM-III-R Psychiatric Disorders in the United States." *Archives of General Psychiatry* 51:8-19.

Schwartz, Sharon. 1999. "Biological Approaches to Psychiatric Disorders." Pp. 79-103 in *A Handbook for the Study of Mental Health*, ed. by A.V. Horwitz and T.L. Scheid. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.

McKinlay, John B. and Lisa D. Marceau. 2000. "To Boldly Go..." *American Journal of Public Health* 90:25-33.

Recommended:

Garrett, Laurie. 1994. *The Coming Plague: Newly Emerging Diseases in a World Out of Balance*. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux.

Krieger, Nancy. 1994. "Epidemiology and the Web of Causation: Has Anyone Seen the Spider?" *Social Science and Medicine* 39:889-903.

Pearce, Neil. 1996. "Traditional Epidemiology, Modern Epidemiology, and Public Health." *American Journal of Public Health* 86:678-83.

Porter, John D.H. and Keith P.W.J. McAdam. 1994. "The Re-emergence of Tuberculosis." *Annual Review of Public Health* 15:303-23.

## Week 7

## Social Stress Research

### Required:

Richman et al. Macrolevel Stressors, Terrorism, and Mental Health Outcomes: Broadening the Stress Paradigm. 2008. *American journal of public health* 98:323-329.

Soobader et al. 2006. "Levels of analysis for the study of environmental health disparities." *Environ Res* vol. 102 (2):172-80

Aneshensel, Carol S., Carolyn M. Rutter, and Peter A. Lachenbruch. 1991. "Social Structure, Stress, and Mental Health: Competing Conceptual and Analytic Models." *American Sociological Review* 56:166-78.

Cohen, Sheldon, Ronald C. Kessler, and Lynn Underwood Gordon. 1995. "Strategies for Measuring Stress in Studies of Psychiatric and Physical Disorders." Pp. 3-26 in *Measuring Stress: A Guide for Health and Social Scientists*, ed. by S. Cohen, R.C. Kessler, and L.U. Gordon. New York: Oxford University Press.

\*\*Elder, Glen H., Jr., Linda K. George, and Michael J. Shanahan. 1996. "Psychosocial Stress over the Life Course." In H.A. Kaplan (ed.) *Psychosocial Stress: Perspectives of Structure, Theory, Life Course, and Methods*. San Diego: Academic.

Pearlin, Leonard I. 1989. "The Sociological Study of Stress." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 30:241-56.

\*\*Thoits, Peggy A. 1995. "Stress, Coping, and Social Support: Where are We? What Next?" *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* (Extra Issue): 53-79.

Turner, R. Jay, Blair Wheaton, and Donald A. Lloyd. 1995. "The Epidemiology of Social Stress." *American Sociological Review* 60:104-25.

### Recommended:

Cannon, W.B. 1929. *Bodily Changes in Pain, Hunger, Fear, and Rage*. New York: Harper & Row.

- \*\*Thorts, Peggy A. 1983. "Dimensions of Life Events That Influence Psychological Distress: An Evaluation and Synthesis of the Literature." Pp. 33-103 in H.B. Kaplan (ed.) *Psychosocial Stress: Trends in Theory and Research*. Orlando, FL: Academic Press.
- \*\*Coyne, James C. and Geraldine Downey. 1991. "Social Factors and Psychopathology: Stress, Social Support, and Coping Processes." *Annual Review of Psychology* 43:401-25.
- Holmes, Thomas H. and R. H. Rahe. 1967. "The Social Readjustment Rating Scale." *Journal of Psychosomatic Research* 11:213-8.
- \*\*House, James S., Debra Umberson, and Karl R. Landis. 1988. "Structures and Processes of Social Support." *Annual Review of Sociology* 14:293-318.
- \*\*Kessler, Ronald C. and Jane D. McLeod. 1985. "Social Support and Mental Health in Community Samples." Pp. 219-40 in S. Cohen and S. L. Syme (eds.) *Social Support and Health*. Orlando, FL: Academic Press.
- Langner, Thomas S. and Stanley T. Michael. 1963. *Life Stress and Mental Health*. New York, NY: Free Press.
- Pearlin, Leonard I., Elizabeth G. Menaghan, Morton A. Lieberman, and Joseph T. Mullan. 1981. "The Stress Process." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 22:337-356.
- Pearlin, Leonard I. 1995. "Social Structure and Processes of Social Support." Pp. 43-60 in S. Cohen and S.L. Syme (eds.) *Social Support and Health*. Orlando, FL: Academic.
- Selye, Hans. 1956. *The Stress of Life*. New York: McGraw-Hill.
- \*Aneshensel, Carol S. 1992. "Social Stress: Theory and Research." *Annual Review of Sociology* 18:15-38.
- Cohen, Sheldon and Gail M. Williamson. 1991. "Stress and Infectious Disease in Humans." *Psychological Bulletin* 109:5-24.
- Singer, Burton, Carol D. Ryff, Deborah Carr, and William J. Magee. 1998. "Linking Life Histories and Mental Health: A Person-Centered Strategy." *Sociology Methodology* 28:1-51.

Week 8 Socioeconomic Status and Health

Required:

Link, B. et al. 2008. "The Resources That Matter: Fundamental Social Causes of Health Disparities and the Challenge of Intelligence." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 49 (March):72-91

Shavers, Vickie. 2006. "Measurement of Socioeconomic Status in Health Disparities Research." *Journal of the National Medical Association* 99(9):1013-1023

Hollingshead, August B. and Frederick C. Redlich. 1953. "Social Stratification and Psychiatric Disorders." *American Sociological Review* 18:163-9.

Dohrenwend, Bruce P., Itzhak Levav, Patrick E. Shrout, et al. 1992. "Socioeconomic Status and Psychiatric Disorders: The Causation-Selection Issue." *Science* 255:946-52.

Marmot, Michael, Rebecca Fuhrer, Susan L. Ettner, Nadine F. Marks, Larry L. Bumpass, and Carol D. Ryff. 1998. "Contribution of Psychosocial Factors to Socioeconomic Differences in Health." *The Milbank Quarterly* 76:403-448.

McLeod, Jane D. and Michael J. Shanahan. 1996. "Trajectories of Poverty and Children's Mental Health." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 37:207-20.

Muntaner, C. et al. 2004. "Socioeconomic Position and Major Mental Disorders." *Epidemiologic Reviews* 26:53-62

\*\*Williams, David R. and Chiquita Collins. 1995. "U.S. Socioeconomic and Racial Differences in Health: Patterns and Explanations." *Annual Review of Sociology* 21:349-86.

Recommended:

Krieger, Nancy, David R. Williams, and Nancy E. Moss. 1997. "Measuring Social Class in U.S. Public Health Research: Concepts, Methodologies, and Guidelines." *Annual Review of Public Health* 18:341- 78.

Kessler, Ronald C. 1979. "Stress, Social Status, and Psychological Distress." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 20:259-72.

\*\*Marmot, Michael, Martin Bobak, and George Davey Smith. 1995. "Explanations for Social Inequalities in Health." Pp. 172-210 in B.J. Amick III, S. Levine, A.R. Tarlov, and D.C. Walsh (eds.) *Society and Health*. New York: Oxford University Press.

\*\*McLeod, Jane D. and James M. Nonnemaker. 1999. "Social Stratification and Inequality." Pp. 321-344 in C.S. Aneshensel and J.C. Phelan (eds.) *The Handbook of the Sociology of Mental Health*. New York: Plenum Press.

\*\*Roberts, Stephanie A. 1999. "Socioeconomic Position and Health: The Independent Contribution of Community Socioeconomic Context." *Annual Review of Sociology* 25:489-516.

Wheaton, Blair. 1980. "The Sociogenesis of Psychological Disorder: An Attributional Theory." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 21:100-24.

Williams, David R., David T. Takeuchi, and Russell K. Adair. 1992. "Socioeconomic Status and Psychiatric Disorder Among Blacks and Whites." *Social Forces* 71:179-94.

Week 9            Race and Health

Required:

Burgos, G., Fernando Rivera. 2008. "The Insignificance of Race and Discrimination among Latino Youth: The Case of Adolescent Depression." *Sociological Focus*.

Williams et al. 2008. "Perceived discrimination, race and health in South Africa." *Soc Sci Med* 67:441-452.

Dressler, William W., James R. Bindon, and Yasmin H. Neggers. 1998. "Culture, Socioeconomic Status, and Coronary Heart Disease Risk Factors in an African American Community." *Journal of Behavioral Medicine* 21:527-544.

Krieger, Nancy and Stephen Sidney. 1996. "Racial Discrimination and Blood Pressure: The CARDIA Study of Young Black and White Adults." *American Journal of Public Health* 86:1370-8.

Krieger, Nancy. 1987. "Shades of Difference: Theoretical Underpinnings of the Medical Controversy on Black/White Differences in the US, 183070." *International Journal of Health Services* 17:259-78.

LaVeist, Thomas A. 1993. "Segregation, Poverty, and Empowerment: Health Consequences for African Americans." *The Milbank Quarterly*

71:41-64.

Noh, Samuel, Morton Beiser, Violet Kaspar, Feng Hou, and Joanna Rummens. 1999. "Perceived Racial Discrimination, Depression, and Coping: A Study of Southeast Asian Refugees in Canada." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 40:193-207.

Takeuchi, David T., Rita Chi-Ying Chung, Keh-Ming Lin, Haikang Shen, Karen Kurasaki, Chi-Ah Chun, and Stanley Sue. 1998. "Lifetime and Twelve-Month Prevalence Rates of Major Depressive Episodes and Dysthymia Among Chinese Americans in Los Angeles." *American Journal of Psychiatry* 155:1407-14.

Williams, David R. Yan Yu, James S. Jackson, and Norman Anderson. 1997. "Racial Differences in Physical and Mental Health: Socioeconomic Status, Stress, and Discrimination." *Journal of Health Psychology* 2:335-51.

Recommended:

\*\*Brown, Tony N., Sherrill L. Sellers, Kendrick T. Brown, and James S. Jackson. 1999. "Race, Ethnicity, and Culture in the Sociology of Mental Health." Pp. 167-82 in C.S. Aneshensel and J.C. Phelan (eds.) *The Handbook of the Sociology of Mental Health*. New York: Plenum Press.

LaVeist, Thomas A. 1993. "Beyond Dummy Variables and Sample Selection: What Health Services Researchers Ought to Know About Race as a Variable." *Health Services Research* 29:1-16.

Moritsugu, J. and Stanley Sue. 1983. "Minority Status as a Stressor." Pp. 162-74 in R. Felner, L. Jason, J. Mortisugu, and S. Faber (eds.) *Preventive Psychology: Theory, Research, and Practice*. Elmsford, NY: Pergamon Press.

Salgado de Snyder, V. Nelly. 1987. "Factors Associated With Acculturative Stress and Depressive Symptomatology Among Married Mexican Immigrant Women." *Psychology of Women Quarterly* 11:475-88.

\*\*Vega, William A. and Ruben G. Rumbaut. 1991. "Ethnic Minorities and Mental Health." *Annual Review of Sociology* 17:351-83.

Week 10      Gender, Identity, Roles, and Health

Required:

Roy et al. 2008. "Influence of socioeconomic status, wealth and financial empowerment on gender differences in health and healthcare utilization in

later life: evidence from India." *Social Science & Medicine* 66:1951-1962.

Aneshensel, Carol S. and Leonard I. Pearlin. 1986. "Structural Contexts of Sex Differences in Stress." Pp. 75-95 in R.C. Barnett, L. Biener, and G.K. Baruch (eds.) *Gender and Stress*. New York: Free Press.

Burton, Russell P.D., 1998. "Global Integrative Meaning as a Mediating Factor in the Relationship Between Social Roles and Psychological Distress." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 39:201-15.

McKinlay, John B. 1996. "Some Contributions from the Social System to Gender Inequalities in Heart Disease." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 37:1-26.

Marklund, S, M Bolin, and J von Essen. 2008. *Social Science & Medicine*  
Afifi, M. 2007. "Gender differences in mental health." *Singapore Med J* 48:385-391.

Ross, Catherine E. and Chloe E. Bird. 1994. "Sex Stratification and Health Lifestyle: Consequences for Men's and Women's Perceived Health." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 35:161-78.

Simon, Robin W. 1997. "The Meanings Individuals Attach to Role Identities and Their Implications for Mental Health." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 38:256-74.

\*\*Woods, Nancy Fugate. 1995. "Women and Their Health." Pp. 1-22 in C.I Fogel and N.F. Woods (eds.) *Women's Health Care: A Comprehensive Handbook*, Sage Publications.

Recommended:

Adams, Diane L. (ed.) 1995. *Health Issues for Women of Color: A Cultural Diversity Perspective*. Thousand Oaks, Sage.

Cummings, Carol M., Adrienne M. Robinson, and Gretchen E. Lopez. 1993. "Perceptions of Discrimination, Psycho-social Functioning, and Physical Symptoms of African American Women." Pp. 288-99 in B. Bair and S. Cayleff (eds.) *Wings of Gauze: Women of Color and the Experience of Health and Illness*. Detroit: Wayne State University Press.

Dohrenwend, Bruce P. and Barbara Snell Dohrenwend. 1976. "Sex Differences and Psychiatric Disorders." *American Journal of Sociology* 81:1447-54.

Geronimus, Arline T. 1992. "The Weathering Hypothesis and the Health of

African-American Women and Infants: Evidence and Speculations." *Ethnicity and Disease* 2:207-21.

Gove, Walter R. and Jeannette Tudor. 1973. "Adult Sex Roles and Mental Illness." *American Journal of Sociology* 78:812-35.

Jackson, Jodi. 1993. "Women's Health: The Price of Poverty." In M. Kiblinky et al. (eds.) *The Health of Women: A Global Perspective*. Boulder: Westview Press.

Lennon, Mary Clare and Sarah Rosenfield. 1992. "Women and Mental Health: The Interaction of Job and Family Conditions." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 33:316-27.

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