The Anthropology of Critical Public Health
Winter 2019 ANTH 540 (crn17810)
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Seminar: Mondays 9:05-11:55 Leacock 917
Office hours: Wednesday 2:30 to 4:30 818 Leacock.

OVERVIEW:
Critical Public Health has historically been associated with what is called health disparities or the structural determinants of health. We will begin this seminar by discussing the various discursive moves that brought to the forefront the structural determinants of health and then move into exploring a variety of issues that are part of larger critical discussions in public health today. The course will focus on the following topics: Care, aging and slow medicine; the anti-vaccine movement and concepts of immunity; the new drug epidemics and notions of addiction; global health, its metrics and data production; and climate change as a public health issue. This advanced seminar in medical anthropology is designed for students in their last year in anthropology, the Social Science and Medicine minor, those interested in health and health policy, public health, nursing or biomedicine (especially students who are pre-med). Prerequisites are U3 standing in Anthropology, or permission of instructor. Preferably students will have taken ANTH 227 or its equivalent, one 300 Anthropology course, one 400 level medical humanities or social science theory course, or a graduate student in any discipline.

The course is organized around six modules that rotate every two weeks – each module will include a variety of learning outcomes: lectures, guest lectures, and most important engaged and interactive student-lead discussions. The assigned readings correspond to the general theme of each module. Our 3-hour seminar will begin with a lecture linking the readings and setting out the general themes for the week, and then launch into a fruitful and lively discussion. /sth 2018