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SUMMER 2027- SOC 420: HEALTH CARE AND ILLNESS

MAY 24 – JUNE 18

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Required Texts:

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Weitz, Rose. 2020. *The Sociology of Health, Illness, and Health Care: A Critical Approach*. Cengage.

Additional Course materials found in CANVAS

TENTATIVE Course Outline

Unit/Dates, Topic, Readings

Module One: Social Factors of Illness

Unit One 5/24: The Sociology of Health, Illness, and Health Care

- Weitz, Chapter 1: The Sociology of Health, Illness, and Health Care

Unit Two 5/25 and 5/26: The Social Sources of Modern Illness

- Weitz, Chapter 2: The Social Sources of Modern Illness
- Canvas: Maté. 2022. *The Myth of Normal: Trauma, Illness, and Healing in a Toxic Culture*. Introduction.
- Canvas: Lustig. 2022. *Metabological: The Truth about Processed Food and How it Poisons People and the Planet*. Introduction and Chapter 1.
- Canvas: US Department of Health and Human Services: *Social Determinants of Health*

Unit Three: 5/28, 5/31, 6/1: The Social Distribution of Illness in the United States and in Less Developed Nations

- Weitz, Chapter 3: The Social Distribution of Illness in the United States
- Weitz, Chapter 4: Illness and Death in the Less Developed Nations
- Canvas: Case and Deaton. 2020. *Deaths of Despair and the Future of Capitalism*.
- Canvas: NYT: *Life Expectancy and Poverty*
- Canvas: Villarosa. 2023. *Under the Skin: The Hidden Toll of Racism on American Lives and on the Health of Our Nation*. Chapter 5: Where You Live Matters
- Canvas: NYT. 2023. *How 'Weathering' Contributes to Racial Health Disparities*.

Assessment # 1- 6/2: Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4 plus additional readings

Module Two: The Meaning and Experience of Illness

Unit Four: 6/3 and 6/4: The Social Meanings of Illness

- Weitz, Chapter 5: The Social Meanings of Illness
- Canvas: Conrad, P. 2005. "The Shifting Engines of Medicalization." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 46(March): 3-14.
- Canvas: Saguy and Gruys. 2010. "Morality and Health: New Media Constructions of Overweight and Eating Disorders." *Social Problems* 57(2): 231-250.
- Canvas: Conrad and Leiter. 2008. "From Lydia Pinkham to Queen Levitra: Direct to Consumer Advertising and Medicalisation." *Sociology of Health and Illness* 20(6): 825-838.

Unit Five: 6/7: The Experience of Disability, Chronic Pain, and Chronic Illness

- Weitz, Chapter 6: The Experience of Disability, Chronic Pain, and Chronic Illness
- Canvas: NYT 5/2023: *Why Americans Feel More Pain*
- Canvas: Case, A., Deaton, A. and A. Stone. 2020. "Decoding the Mystery of American Pain Reveals a Warning for the Future" *PNAS* 117(40): 24785-24789.

Unit Six: 6/8: The Sociology of Mental Illness

- Weitz, Chapter 7: The Sociology of Mental Illness
- **Canvas:** Johnson, A. L. 2021. Changes in Mental Health and Treatment, 1997–2017. *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, 62(1), 53–68.

Module Three: Health Care Systems, Settings, and Technologies

Unit Seven: 6/9 and 6/10: Health Care in the United States and Around the Globe

- Weitz, Chapter 8: Health Care in the United States
- Weitz, Chapter 9: Health Care Around the Globe
- Sanders, B. 2023. *It's OK to be Angry About Capitalism* (Chapter 5: Ending Greed in the Health Care System: Health Care is a Human Right, not a Privilege)
- Wright and Rogers. 2024. *American Society: How It Really Works* (Chapter 8: Health Care)

Assessment # 2- 6/11: Chapters 5,6,7,8,9, plus additional readings

Unit Eight: 6/14: Health Care Settings and Technologies

- Textbook, Chapter 10: Health Care Settings and Technologies
- Canvas: Gawande, A. 2014. *Being Mortal*. Henry Holt and Company, New York. (Chapter 6 only)
- Canvas: Cain, C.L. and McCleskey, S. 2019. "Expanded Definitions of the 'Good Death'? Race, Ethnicity and Medical Aid in Dying." *Sociology of Health and Illness*, 41: 1175-1191.

Module Four: Health Care, Health Research, and Bioethics

Unit Nine: 6/15: The Profession of Medicine

- Weitz, Chapter 11: The Profession of Medicine
- Canvas: Conrad, P. and J.W. Schneider. 1992. *Professionalization, Monopoly, and the Structure of Medical Practice*.
- Canvas: Stivers, T. and S. Timmermans. 2020. "Medical Authority under Siege: How Clinicians Transform Patient Resistance into Acceptance" *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 6(1): 60-78.

Unit Ten: 6/16: Other Mainstream and Alternative Health Care Providers

- Weitz, Chapter 12: Other Mainstream and Alternative Health Care Providers
- Canvas: Roichman, M. 2022. Becoming a Complementary Health Practitioner: The Construction of Alternative Medical Knowledge. *Health* 26(3):302-318.
- Canvas: Einboden, R. 2020. "SuperNurse? Troubling the Hero Discourse in COVID Times" *Health* 24(4): 343-347.

Unit Eleven: 6/17: Issues of Bioethics

- Weitz, Chapter 13: Issues of Bioethics

Assessment # 3 - 6/18: Chapters 10,11,12,13 plus additional readings