Syllabus
Soc 586/686 – Health and Inequality
Winter 2012

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Course meeting time: TH 2-4:50
Place: CH 263

Course Description
This course provides an overview of current issues in health and inequality including the impact of social class and race on health; the social causes and consequences of health disparities; and current public policy debates about reducing disparities.

Required Readings


Course Requirements

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- **Abstract (4pts)** DUE Thursday February 2nd at the beginning of class
- **Draft (10pts)** DUE Thursday March 1st at the beginning of class
- **Final Paper (40pts)** DUE Thursday March 22th at 5:00 PM

Participation grades are based on attendance and participation in class discussion. Students are expected to attend every class and participate in class discussions.

Weekly comment papers should provide a brief overview and critique of the weeks readings and students should come prepared to discuss the readings. Weekly comment papers reflecting on one or more of the assigned readings will be due at the beginning of class. They should be 2-3 pages, typed, single spaced. Comment papers MUST include supplementary readings related to the weekly topic.

Research Papers should apply theoretical and empirical concepts discussed in class to a policy-relevant topic. They may be either original empirical research, or in depth review of the literature.

Papers should be at least 15 pages, double-spaced, and conform to appropriate disciplinary guidelines (APA, ASA, AMA). Each student is required to submit an abstract for their paper by
February 2nd. Abstracts should be approximately 250 words. Draft papers will be due by March 1st at the beginning of class. Every student’s paper will be critiqued, and a rewritten final draft will be due at the end of the final exam period for the course, Thursday March 22nd at 5PM. Please email final papers, do not turn in hard copy.

Course Schedule

All readings should be completed PRIOR to assigned dates.

Week 1. January 12th: W & P Chapters 1-3
Week 2. January 19th: W & P Chapters 4-7
Week 3. January 26th: W & P Chapters 8-11
Week 4. February 2nd: W & P Chapters 12-16
Week 5. February 9th: LaVeist Chapters 1-5
Week 6. February 16th: LaVeist Chapters 6-8, 10, 11
Week 7. February 23rd: LaVeist Chapters 12-16
Week 8. March 1st: LaVeist Chapters 18-22
Week 9. March 8th: LaVeist Chapters 23-27
Week 10. March 15th: LaVeist Chapters 29-32, 34, 36

Research Papers are due Thursday March 22nd 5:00 PM