

GRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: **Spring 2009**
Instructor: Dr. M. Therese Lysaught
Course #: THEO 385
Section: 1002
Course Title: Social Justice and Healthcare

Content:

This course will examine contemporary healthcare through the lens of social justice. Beginning with a study of the tradition of Catholic social thought, the course will then examine questions of: the structure of US healthcare delivery; justice questions within healthcare (e.g., unions and the relationship between physicians and other medical staff); the pharmaceutical industry; race, gender, and class; reproductive technologies; and global health. Particular attention will be paid to the relationship between economics and health care.

Format:

Seminar

Assignments and/or Examinations:

- Seminar presentations (on a rotating basis)
- 20-25 page seminar paper

Language Pre-requisites:

- None

Required Texts:

- O'Brien, David and Shannon, Thomas. Catholic Social Thought: The Documentary Heritage (Orbis Books, 1992). ISBN-10: 0883447878
- Keane, Philip. Catholicism and Health-Care Justice: Problems, Potential, and Solutions (Paulist Press, 2001). ISBN-10: 0809140594
- Vigen, Aana. Women, Ethics, and Inequality in U.S. Healthcare: "To Count among the Living" (Black Religion/Womanist Thought/Social Justice). (Palgrave Macmillan, 2006). ISBN-10: 1403973067
- Angell, Marcia. The Truth About the Drug Companies: How They Deceive Us and What to Do About It. (Random House, 2005). ISBN-10: 0375760946
- Hilfiker, David. Urban Injustice: How Ghettos Happen. (Seven Stories Press, 2003). ISBN-10: 1583226079
- Farmer, Paul. Pathologies of Power: Health, Human Rights, and the New War on the Poor. (University of California Press, 2004). ISBN-10: 0520243269

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- Kim, Jim Yong. Dying For Growth: Global Inequality and the Health of the Poor (Common Courage Press, 2002). ISBN-10: 1567511600.
- Hall, Amy Laura. Conceiving Parenthood: American Protestantism and the Spirit of Reproduction. (Eerdmans, 2007). ISBN-10: 0802839363

Additional articles will be supplied in class.