

Department of Theology

UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: **Fall 2009**
Instructor: M. Therese Lysaught
Course #: THEO 4450
Section: 101
Course Title: **Medical Ethics**
Course Sub-Title: Local and Global

Description:

This course is an introduction to the intersections between health, medicine, and theology. As such, it is a course that explores the interrelationships between the community that Christians call the Body of Christ, the community of health care, and the broader human community, both global and local. We will explore these interrelationships by focusing on questions related to the delivery of health care, emphasizing the connections between politics, economics, and health. The course seeks to equip students to critically evaluate present structures of injustice which limit access to health care both globally and locally and begin to imagine about how those structures might change. Service learning will be required.

Required texts:

Angell, Marcia. The Truth About Drug Companies. NY: Random House, 2005. ISBN: 0375760946

Hilfiker, David. Urban Injustice: How Ghettos Happen. Seven Stories Press, 2003. ISBN: 1583226079.

Hilfiker, David. Not All of Us Are Saints: A Doctor's Journey with the Poor. New York: Ballantine Books, 1996. ISBN: 034545975X

Kidder, Tracy. Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, a Man Who Would Cure the World. New York: Random House Trade Paperbacks; Reprint edition 2004. ISBN: 0812973011

Kim, Jim Yong, et. al. Dying for Growth: Global Inequality and the Health of the Poor. Monroe, ME: Common Courage Press, 2004. ISBN: 1567511600