

## SYLLABUS

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CLASS STARTS: Tuesday, August 31, 2010

NO CLASSES: Tuesday, October 12; Thursday November 25

Course ends: Thursday, December 09, 2010

Last add/drop day: Friday, September 3, 2010

Early alerts: Friday, October 8, 2010

Last day to withdraw: Tuesday, October 26, 2010

Last day to elect S/U Tuesday, October 26, 2010

Office Hours: Tu Th 12:30-3:00, and by appointment

## Books/Readings:

Douglas Feldman, ed. 2009 AIDS, Culture and Gay Men (new fall 2010)

Michelle Lewis Renaud, 1997 Women at the Crossroads: A Prostitute Community's Response to AIDS in Urban Senegal

Patricia Whelehan, The Anthropology of HIV/AIDS: A Global Perspective (new fall 2010)

Possible Reserve readings as appropriate: "The Wedding Gift", NYT OR (OR = On Reserve)

Nevid 1993 HIV/STD's OR

Scheper-Hughes

Human Rights in Cuba OR

Pilkington, Kern & Indest.

"Safer Sex and Romance." OR

Steinglass: "It Takes a Village Healer."

HIV Plus (OR)

Other articles, links as they become available

## Websites/Search

## Engines:

Google

SUNYPAEG: <http://www.2.potsdam.edu/clubs/aeg>

<http://www.aegis.com> (medical aspects)

<http://www.vaxgen.com/mission.htm> (vaccine)

<http://www.vaxgen.com/vaccine.htm> (vaccine)

<http://www.vaxgen.com/qanda.htm> (vaccine)

<http://www.gmhc.org> (GMHC) (politics)

<http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/stats/hasrlink.htm> (CDC stats)

<http://www.aidsinfonyc.org/ai/about.html> (AIDS Institute, NY)

<http://www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/aids/hivtest.htm> (HIV testing in NY)

<http://www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/research/hiv aids.htm> (stats or HIV in NY)

<http://www.sfaf.org/treatment/beta/b41/b41sexual.html> (treatment and risk stats) (medical aspects)

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/wk/mm5021.pdf>

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchstp/od/20years.htm>

<http://www.GeneEd.com> (biology of AIDS)

<http://web.amfar.org/treatment/index.asp> (AmFAR treatment directory)

[http://www.aanet.org/pubs/style\\_guide.htm](http://www.aanet.org/pubs/style_guide.htm) (AAA guidelines)

<http://www.creighton.edu/aarg/prevention.html-link> to Bibliography

<http://archives.healthdev.net/gender-aids/msg00870.html>, Gender AIDS website/list serve:

<http://www.kff.org> (Kaiser)

<http://unaids.org> (UNAIDS)

<http://WHO.org> (World Health Organization)

<http://www.aanet.org/publications/guidelines.cfm> (AAA Style Guide)

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- Evaluation:** A 15-20 page research paper is required. The format, deadline for submission and grade breakdown are attached. Your final grade is 20% class attendance and participation and 80% paper.
- Grade Breakdown:**
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| 92-100=4.0 | 74-76=2.3 |
| 88-91=3.7  | 71-73=2.0 |
| 84-87=3.3  | 68-70=1.7 |
| 80-83=3.0  | 64-67=1.3 |
| 77-79=2.7  | 60-63=1.0 |
|            | <60=0     |
- Requirements:**
- 1) The research paper is our formal source of evaluation. Deadlines are non-negotiable.
  - 2) Class attendance is mandatory. I follow the attendance policy described in the college catalog. For this class, you will be asked to drop the course after three unexcused absences.
  - 3) Class preparation and participation are required and mandatory. It is the only way I know that the course objectives can be met.
  - 4) ANTH 150 Human Sexuality - prerequisite.
- ANT Major/GEP:** This course meets the 400-Level course requirement for the major. It fills the GEN ED mode SA and is an upper division elective.
- Potsdam Honor Code:** **"On My Honor:** I will not give nor receive any inappropriate assistance on any academic work in accordance with the SUNY Potsdam Academic Honor Code and the directions given to me by each course instructor."
- Objectives:**
- The anthropological perspectives of holism and relativism are the foundation of this course. AIDS, a global health problem, affects the species at all levels of our being. We are going to examine AIDS medically, biologically, culturally, economically, politically, and behaviorally. We will apply these perspectives to specific groups as relevant. We will be doing anthropology.
- The agenda for this course is to reach a cognitive understanding of AIDS which is internalized so that our attitudes and behaviors can be used to keep ourselves and others healthy and safe. This class will be conducted as a seminar. This means that assigned readings are done so that class discussion of the readings can be held. You are expected to come to class prepared to discuss, question, and apply the readings. The topics are a guide and we will proceed through them at the group's pace. Confidentiality and trust are integral parts of the course. I will do what I can to create a safe, trusting environment in which each of us and the group can explore this phenomenon. It is highly likely that we will not complete all the topics on the syllabus. Adjustments will be made as necessary and class input will be sought.
- As much as possible, I will try to bring in guest lecturers who have specific expertise in various fields of AIDS work. You may be required to attend an AIDS-related event outside of class. If so, it will be counted as a class and I will cancel a class.

**PAPERS DUE:** Monday December 13, 2010. 12:30-2:30

**PAPER PRESENTATIONS:** Monday December 13, 2010. 12:30-2:30

### **PROPOSED TOPICS**

- I. Intro to course
- II. Confidentiality
  - How to do a research paper
- III. The Anthropological Perspective As it Applies to AIDS

- IV. The Anthropology of Health and Illness
- V. The Biology and Virology of AIDS
- VI. The Epidemiology of AIDS
- VII. Medical Aspects of AIDS
- VIII. The Politics of AIDS
- IX. The Economics of AIDS
- X. Socio-psychological Dimensions of AIDS
- XI. Women and AIDS
- XII. AIDS and Risk Taking: Trust
- XIII. AIDS and Sexuality
- XIV. AIDS and Drugs
- XV. HIV Test Issues
- XVI. The Personal Dimension of AIDS
- XVII. AIDS: Grieving and Loss
- XVIII. AIDS and Humanity: What we've been given. Where we go.

Readings:

Intro to course

Whelehan: Chapter 1

Feldman: Intro and Postscript

The Anthropological Perspective as it Applies to AIDS

Feldman: Chapter 9

Vollmer Article (handout)

The Biology & Virology of AIDS

Whelehan and Budd: Chapter 3

Guest Speaker: Dr. T. Budd, Biology Prof.

St. Lawrence University (possibly)

The Epidemiology of AIDS

MMWR/CDC update

Whelehan: Chapter 2

Feldman: Chapter 8

Video: "A Closer Walk"

Medical Aspects of AIDS

Steinglass: "It Takes a Village Healer" BB

Whelehan and Budd: Chapter 3

Feldman: Chapters 2 and 3

Video: "AIDS Beyond the Hospital;" "AIDS" (NOVA); "Living with HIV."

The Politics and Economics of AIDS

Video: "And The Band Played On"

Feldman: Chapters 6 and 13

Whelehan: Chapter 8

Scheper-Hughes (BB): Cuba

AARG Bulletin April 2001 OR

Socio-psychological Dimensions of AIDS

Whelehan: Chapter 9

Feldman: Chapter 10

"The Wedding Gift" (BB)

Video: "It's My Party"

"Psychology of the HIV Caregiver"

Women and AIDS

Renaud: Women at the Crossroads  
Whelehan: Chapter 7  
Videos: "Matter of the Heart"  
"My Body's My Business"

AIDS & Risk Taking  
Feldman: Chapter 8  
Video: "NYSDH Safer Sex"

AIDS & Sexuality  
Feldman: TBA  
Nevid: HIV/STD (BB)  
Whelehan: Chapter 5 Blackboard

AIDS & Drugs  
Whelehan: Chapter 6  
Feldman: Chapter 7

HIV Test Issues  
Whelehan Chapter 4  
NYS HIV Reporting Regs Update Kaiser/POZ

The Personal Dimension of AIDS  
Guest Lecturer: Ms. Ruth Garner (October 2010)  
Conference call: Mr. Peter Hirsch (October 14, 2010)  
Grieving and Loss  
Death Awareness Sheets

AIDS and Humanity  
Whelehan Chapter 10

- VIDEOS:
- 1) And The Band Played On
  - 2) A Closer Walk
  - 3) Living with HIV
  - 4) AIDS: Beyond the Hospital
  - 5) Psychology of the HIV caregiver
  - 6) My Body's My Business
  - 7) NYSDH safer sex
  - 8) Matter of the Heart
  - 9) It's My Party