

## SEMINAR OF THE HISTORY OF HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA

Spring 2010

Professor Randall Packard

**Course Time:** 1:30-3:30 Tuesdays

**Location:** Institute of History of Medicine seminar room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Welch Library

**INTRODUCTION:** The course will examine the impact of colonial and post-colonial development on patterns of sickness, health, and health care in Africa. It will also focus on African responses to changing patterns of health care and disease. Topics include: colonial epidemics; industrialization, urbanization and disease; agrarian transformations, malnutrition and the political economy of famine; sexuality, colonial control and disease; western medicine and the social construction of African identities, African reproductive health and family planning; recession, debt and Africa's health care crisis; histories of AIDS and malaria in Africa, emerging epidemics of non-communicable disease.

### **BOOKS:**

Randall M. Packard, White Plague, Black Labor: Tuberculosis and the Political Economy of health and Disease in South Africa, Berkeley: University of California Press, 1989

John Janzen, The Quest for Therapy in Lower Zaire, University of California Press, 1978

John Illife, The African AIDS Epidemic, London, James Curry, 2006

### **Course Organization and Requirements**

The seminar will meet once a week on Tuesday from 1:30 to : 3:30 pm and discuss the readings assigned for each session. Evaluation will be based on class participation [30%] essays (40%) and on a final take home essay exam [30%].

Graduate students in history and history of medicine will choose a broad theme identified from the course, such as Gender and Health, or Environmental Change and Disease, or Competing concepts of health, disease, and the African body, and construct a reading list from which they will write a 15-20 page historiographic essay.

Public health and medical students will write three 5-page reflective essays. Each will identify and examine issues and questions arising from a week's readings, including recommended readings.

All students will write a 10-page take home exam at the end of the course.

## SYLLABUS:

### January 26: Colonialism and Development: An Overview

John Iliffe, Africans: The History of A Continent, pp. 187-242

### February 2: Ecological Change and Disease

R.M. Packard, "Maize, Cattle and Mosquitoes: The Political Economy of Malaria Epidemics in Colonial Swaziland," Journal of African History, 25, 2 (1984)

Leroy Vail, "Ecology and History: The Example of Northeastern Zambia," Journal of Southern African Studies, 5,1 (1975), 1-25

Andrew Clark, "Environmental Decline and Ecological Response in the Upper Senegal Valley, West Africa, from the Late Nineteenth Century to World War I," Journal of African History, 36, 2 (1995), pp. 197-218

Maryinez Lyons, "From 'Death Camps' to Cordon Sanitaire: The Development of Sleeping Sickness Policy in the Uele District of the Belgian Congo, 1903-1914" The Journal of African History, Vol. 26, No. 1 (1985), pp. 69-9

James Giblin "Trypanosomiasis Control in African History: An Evaded Issue?" The Journal of African History, Vol. 31, No. 1 (1990), pp. 59-80

#### *Recommended:*

Maryinez Lyons, The Colonial Disease, A Social History of Sleeping Sickness in Northern Zaire, 1900-1940, Cambridge, 1992

James L. Giblin, The politics of environmental control in Northeastern Tanzania, 1840-1940, University of Pennsylvania Press, 1992

### February 9: Epidemics

Marc Dawson, "Socioeconomic Change and Disease: Small Pox in Kenya," in Feierman and Janzen, The Social Basis of Health and Healing in Africa, 90-103

Pule. Phoofolo, "Epidemics and Revolution: The Rinderpest Epidemic in Late 19<sup>th</sup> Century Southern Africa," Past and Present, 138 (Feb. 1993), 112-143

T.O. Ranger, "Plagues of Beasts and Men: prophetic responses to epidemics in eastern and southern Africa," in T.O. Ranger, and Paul Slack, Epidemics and Ideas, Cambridge, 1992, pp.241-268

K. David Patterson "The Influenza Epidemic of 1918-19 in the Gold Coast"  
*The Journal of African History*, Vol. 24, No. 4 (1983), pp. 485-50

Terence Ranger, "The Influenza Pandemic in Southern Rhodesia: a Crisis of Comprehension" in D. Arnold, ed., Imperial Medicine, New York, ch. 8

Myron Echenberg, Black Death, White Medicine: Bubonic Plague and the Politics of Public Health in Colonial Senegal, 1914-1945, Portsmouth, 2002, chs. 2-4

Maynard Swanson, "The Sanitation Syndrome: Bubonic Plague and Urban Native Policy in the Cape Colony, 1900-1908", JAH 18, 3 (1979)

*Recommended:*

Myron Echenberg, Black Death, White Medicine, Bubonic Plague and the Politics of Public Health in Colonial Senegal, Heineman, 1992

Howard Philips, 'Black October': the impact of the Spanish Influenza Epidemic of 1918 on South Africa, Pretoria, 1990

### **February 16: Peasants, Pastoralists and the Political Economy of Hunger**

Megan Vaughan, "Famine Analysis and Family Relations Nyasaland in 1949" in Feierman and Janzen, The Social Basis of Health and Healing in Africa, 71-89

Michael Watts, Silent Violence, ch. 272-372

Showers, Kate B "Soil erosion in the Kingdom of Lesotho: origins and colonial response 1830s-1950s," Journal of Southern African Studies 15, 2, (Jan 1989), p 263-286

*Recommended:*

Megan Vaughan, Story of an African Famine: Gender and Famine in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Malawi, Cambridge, 1987

Megan Vaughan and Henrietta Moore, Cutting Down Trees: Gender, Nutrition and Agricultural Change in Northern Zambia, 1880-1990, Heinemann, 1994.

### **February 23: Industrialization, Urbanization, and Disease**

R. M. Packard, White Plague, Black Labor, Ch 2-9

*Recommended:*

Karen Jockelson, The Color of Disease: Syphilis and Racism in South Africa, 1880-1950, Hounds Mills, New York, 2001

Tim Burke, Lifebuoy men, Lux women : commodification, consumption, and cleanliness in modern Zimbabwe, Duke, 1996

## **March 2: Colonial Medicine and African Bodies**

Meagan Vaughn, Curing their Ills; Colonial Power and African Illness, chs. 3, 5, and 6

R. M. Packard, "The Invention of the Tropical Worker: Medical Research and the Quest for Central African Labor on the South African Gold Mines, Journal of African History, 34 (1993), 271-292

Lynn Thomas, Politics of the Womb, Women Reproduction and the State in Kenya, (Berkeley, University of California Press, 2003), 1-51.

Julie Livingston, Debility and Moral Imagination in Botswana, Indiana University Press, 2006, 107-141

Nancy Rose Hunt, Colonial Lexicon of Birth Ritual, Medicalization and Mobility in the Congo, Duke, 1999, Chapter 6.

Paul Landau, "Explaining Surgical Evangelism in Colonial Southern Africa: Teeth, Pain and Faith," Journal of African History 37:2 (1996), 261-281.

*Recommended*

Eric Silla, People are Not the Same: Leprosy and Identity in Twentieth-Century Mali, Portsmouth, 1998

Jonathan Sadowsky, Imperial Bedlam : institutions of madness in colonial southwest Nigeria, University of California Press, 1999

## **March 9: African Therapeutics and Western Biomedicine**

John Janzen, The Quest for Therapy in Lower Zaire, pp. 3-36, 67-156, 193-230

## **March 16: Spring Break No Class**

## **March 23: Post-Colonial Development and Health**

John Iliffe, Africans, 243-270

R. Packard, "Agricultural Development and the Resurgence of Malaria in Swaziland," Social Science and Medicine, 22, No. 8 (1986), 861-867

Richard Franke and Barbara Chasin, Seeds of Famine, 84-131

Michael Watts, Silent Violence, 466-513

Lea Berrang Ford, "Civil conflict and sleeping sickness in Africa in general and Uganda in particular," Conflict and Health 2007, 1:6

*Recommended:*

Alex de Waal, Famine that Kills, Dafur, Sudan, Oxford, 2005

Barbara Dinham and Colin Hines, Agribusiness in Africa, Trenton, African World Press, 1984

## **March 30: The Historical Determinants of Population Growth in Africa**

Shane Doyal, "Population Decline and Delayed Recovery in Bunyoro, 1860-1960," Journal of African History, 2000, 41,3, 429-458

Green, Edward. "U.S. Population Policies, Development, and the Rural Poor of Africa." Journal of Modern African Studies 20, 1 (March, 1982): 45-67

C. Mwaria, "Rural Urban Migrations and Family Arrangements among the Kamba," in Robinson, P. and Skinner, E. Transformation and Resiliency in Africa, pp.

Caroline Bledsoe et al, "Constructing Natural Fertility: The Use of Western Contraceptive Technologies in Rural Gambia" Population and Development Review 20 (1994), pp. 81-113.

Daniel Smith, "Contradictions in Nigeria's fertility transition: the burdens and benefits of having people," Population and development review, vol. 30 no. 2, pp. 221-238, June 2004

Ellen E. Foley, Overlaps and Disconnects in Reproductive Health Care: Global Policies,

National Programs, and the Micropolitics of Reproduction in Northern Senegal," *Medical Anthropology*, 26, 4 (October 2007) ,323 - 35

*Recommended:*

Caroline Bledsoe, Contingent Lives: Fertility, Time, and Aging in West Africa (University of Chicago Press, 2002).

#### **April 6: Debt, Structural Adjustment and Health Care Reform**

Meredith Turshen, Privatizing Health Services in Africa, (New Brunswick: Rutgers U. Press, 1999), pp. 1-59

Jessica Jitta, Susan Reynolds Whyte and Nathan Nshakira, "The availability of drugs: what does it mean in Ugandan primary care," Health Policy, 65, 2 (August 2003), 167-179

B. McPake, et. al., "Informal economic activities of public health workers in Uganda: Implications for quality and accessibility of care," Social Science and Medicine, 49, 7 (1999), 849-865

Van der Geest, S, "User fees and drugs: What did the health reforms in Zambia achieve?" Health Policy and Planning, 15, 1 (2002), 59-65

Nancy Rose Hunt, Colonial Lexicon of Birth Ritual, Medicalization and Mobility in the Congo, Duke, 1999, Chapter 7.

#### **April 13: Rolling Back Malaria**

Randall M. Packard "Roll Back Malaria, Roll in Development: The Economic Burden of Malaria Revisited" Population and Development Review, 35, 1 (2009), 53-87.

John Luke Gallup and Jeffrey Sachs, "The Economic Burden of Malaria," American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, 64, 1, 2, (2001) 85-96.

R. Packard, Malaria: The Making of a Tropical Disease, Ch. 8 & 9.

Institute of the History of Medicine, "Executive Summary" Saving Lives and Buying Time, Economics of Malaria Drugs in an Age of resistance, National Academies Press, 2001

*Recommended:*

R.M. Packard, The Making of a Tropical Disease: A Short History of Malaria, JHU Press, 2007

James L. Webb, Humanities Burden: A Global History of Malaria, Cambridge, 2009

#### **April 20: AIDS, Causes and Responses**

John Illife, The African AIDS Epidemic (London, James Curry, 2006), pp. 65-111, 138-157.

Steve Robbins, Long Live Zackie, Long Love: AIDS Activism, Science and Citizenship after Apartheid. Journal of Southern African Studies, 30, 3 (2004), 651-672

Nzioka C The social meanings of death from HIV/AIDS: an African interpretative view. Culture, Health and Sexuality 2: (2000) 1-14.

Romero-Daza and Himmelgreen, "More than Money for your Labor: Migration and the Political Economy of AIDS in Lesotho", in Singer ed., The Political Economy of AIDS (Baywood Publishing Company, 1998), pp. 185-204.

Randall Packard and Paul Epstein, "Epidemiologists, Social Scientists and the Structure of Medical Research on AIDS in Africa", Social Science and Medicine, 33 (1991): 771-794

Susan Whyte, "Treating AIDS: The Dilemma of Unequal Access in Uganda," in Adriana Petryna, Andrew Lakoff and Arthur Kleinman, eds. Global Pharmaceuticals, Ethics, Markets, and Practices. (Durham, Duke University Press, 2007), 240-262

#### *Recommended:*

Setel, P.W., et al., Histories of Sexually Transmitted Diseases and HIV/AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa, Westport, 1999

Didier Fassin, When Bodies Remember: Experiences and Politics of AIDS in South Africa, University of California Press, 2007

#### **April 27: Neglected Epidemics**

R. Packard, "Industrial Production, Health and Disease in Sub-Saharan African," Social Science and Medicine, 28 5 (1989), 475-496

Julie Livingston, "AIDS as Chronic Illness: Epidemiological Transition and Health Care in Southeastern Botswana." African Journal of AIDS Research3(1), 2004: 15-22.

Kate Travis, "Cancer in Africa: Health Experts Aim to Curb Potential Epidemic," Journal of the National Cancer Institute 99 (15), August 1, 2007: 1146-114

Julie Livingston, "Regarding the Pain of Africans: Making Historical Sense of Ethnography an African Oncology Ward "

## May 4: Wrap-Up