

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, 3rd 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 19th Century Southern Africa," Past and Present, 138 (Feb. 1993), 112-143

T.O. Ranger, "Plagues if 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 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 20th 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