

**ANTH 415**  
**Anthropology of HIV/AIDS**  
**Winter 2015**

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**Course Content:** This course examines the global HIV/AIDS from an anthropological perspective. Using a holistic and cross-cultural approach, students will think about how gender, class, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnicity, kinship systems and global economic and political structures affect how individuals in different populations learn about and give meaning to HIV/AIDS, the risks they face, and the degree to which they can protect themselves and receive treatment if infected.

**Evaluation:**

Reading Responses	(2 RR x 10%)	20%
Class presentation and book review		30%
Attendance and participation		10%
Exam		40%

**Required readings:**

Readings are available through the Library Reserves or the library's on-line holdings. Locations of on-line publications will be discussed in class.

**Class Writings, Papers and Class Presentations:**

All assignments, including reading responses, class presentations and examinations, must be handed in on the dates announced. One mark per day will be deducted for **late papers** up to a total of 50 marks. I will accept Reading Responses only on the day we discuss the reading. Please see the Reading Response instructions on the class Moodle site for information about how I grade Reading Responses.

**Keep an extra copy of all assignments and papers. If a paper or assignment disappears, you will be responsible for supplying another copy. If you cannot supply another copy, you will receive a zero.**

Please read the plagiarism/cheating/academic dishonesty policy in the University Calendar (Academic Regulations, Section 3.9). You may talk to me if you have questions about this policy.

### **Class Equity Policy:**

Everyone learns more effectively in a respectful, safe and equitable learning environment free from discrimination or harassment. I invite you to work with me to create a classroom space—both real and virtual—that fosters and promotes values of human dignity, equity, non-discrimination and respect for diversity. These values and practices are in accord with the *StFX Discrimination and Harassment Policy* which can be found at <http://www.mystfx.ca/campus/stu-serv/equity/>.

Please feel free to discuss with me any questions or concerns you have about equity in our classroom or in the StFX community. If I cannot answer your questions or help you address your concerns, I encourage you to talk to the Chair/Coordinator of the Department/Program or the Human Rights and Equity Advisor, Marie Brunelle at [mbrunell@stfx.ca](mailto:mbrunell@stfx.ca).

### **Class Schedule:**

Note that readings may vary slightly from the reading list below through the term. Reading Responses will be listed on the Moodle site.

January 6 and 8: Introduction to the course. Introduction to how anthropological research contributes to our understanding of HIV/AIDS.

- Anthropology and HIV/AIDS
- Video: Mercy

January 13 and 15: HIV/AIDS Basics: A medical, historical and global over-view of HIV/AIDS

Medical Information:

- The Body: <http://www.thebody.com/>

History of HIV/AIDS

- Origins of HIV/AIDS:  
[http://www.microbeworld.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=881](http://www.microbeworld.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=881) and <http://www.thebody.com/content/art58727.html>
- The Kaiser Foundation HIV/AIDS Timeline:  
<http://kaiserfamilyfoundation.files.wordpress.com/2008/08/global-hiv-aids-timeline-050313.pdf>

## Global Overview

- Fast facts about HIV on World AIDS Day 2014: <http://www.unaids.org/en/resources/campaigns/World-AIDS-Day-Report-2014/factsheet>
- More fast facts about HIV (Kaiser Family Foundation): <http://kff.org/global-health-policy/fact-sheet/the-global-hiv-aids-epidemic/>
- UNAIDS 2014: <http://www.unaids.org/en/>
- UNAIDS Know Your Epidemic: <http://www.unaids.org/en/dataanalysis/knowyourepidemic/>
- Public Health Agency of Canada: <http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/aids-sida/index-eng.php>

## January 20 and 22: Anthropological Perspectives on HIV/AIDS

- Parker, Richard (2001) "Sexuality, culture and power in HIV/AIDS research." *Annual Review of Anthropology* 30: 163-179.
- The Dr. Peter Diaries: <http://www.cbc.ca/bc/features/drpeter/> Watch the video "The Broadcast Tapes of Dr. Peter". Directed by David Paperny for CBC/HBO, 1993.

## January 27, 29, February 3: Men who have Sex with Men (MSM) and HIV

- Haochu Li, Joseph T.F. Lau, Eleanor Holroyd & Huso Y (2010) Sociocultural facilitators and barriers to condom use during anal sex among men who have sex with men in Guangzhou, China: An ethnographic study. *AIDS Care: Psychological and Socio-medical Aspects of AIDS/HIV* 22 (12) 1481-1486 **RR1—Sahaj**
- Silversides, Ann (2003) *AIDS Activist Micheal Lynch and the Politics of Community*. Toronto: Between the Lines. Read Chapters 6 and 7. (Available through the StFX library's e-books) **RR 2--Michelle**
- Video: How to Survive a Plague
- Video: We Were Here

## February 5 and 10: Youth and HIV

- Lockhart, Chris (2008) "The life and death of a street boy in East Africa." *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 22(1): 94-115. **RR3**
- Philbin, Morgan M. (2014) "What I Got to Go Through": Normalization and HIV-Positive Adolescents. *Medical Anthropology: Cross-Cultural Studies in Health and Illness*, 33:4, 288-302, DOI: 10.1080/01459740.2013.847436 **RR4**

- Santelli, John S., Ilene S. Speizer & Zoe R. Edelstein (2013) Abstinence promotion under PEPFAR: The shifting focus of HIV prevention for youth, *Global Public Health: An International Journal for Research, Policy and Practice*, 8:1, 1-12, DOI: 10.1080/17441692.2012.759609 **RR5**
- Christine Smillie-Adjarkw, June Larkin, Sarah Flicker, Jean-Paul Restoule, Ruth Koleszar-Green, Kevin Barlow, Claudia Mitchell, Renée Masching (2013) HIV/AIDS, Colonialism and Aboriginal Youth in Canada: Implications for HIV Prevention. *Canadian Journal of Aboriginal Community-based HIV/AIDS Research* 5: 95-113. Reprinted at: <http://www.caan.ca/research/caan-journal/cjacbr-volume-5-2013/> (See the pop-up which says "HIV". It is the 5<sup>th</sup> out of 6). **RR6**

#### Other Readings

- Flicker, Sarah, June Larkin, Christine Smillie-Adjarkwa, Jean-Paul Restoule, Kevin Barlow, Michelle Dagnino, Ruth Koleszar-Green and Claudia Mitchel (2008) "It's hard to change something when you don't know where to start: Unpacking HIV vulnerability with Aboriginal youth in Canada. *Pimatisiwin: A Journal of Aboriginal and Indigenous Community Health* 5(2): 176-200. <http://www.pimatisiwin.com/uploads/170144623.pdf>

#### February 12, 17 and 19: Women and HIV

- Talk with Rosemary Clarke
- Eric A. Ratliff (1999) Women as 'sex workers,' men as 'boyfriends': Shifting identities in Philippine go-go bars and their significance in STD/AIDS control, *Anthropology & Medicine*, 6:1, 79-101, DOI: 10.1080/13648470.1999.9964575 **RR7**
- Van Hollen (2007) Navigating HIV, Pregnancy, and Childbearing in South India: Pragmatics and Constraints in Women's Decision Making. *Medical Anthropology* 26: 7-52. **RR8**
- Chowdhury, Ishita and Mark M. Lanier (2012) Rape and HIV as Methods of Waging War: Epidemiological Criminology's Response. *Advances in Applied Sociology* 2(1): 47-52. **RR9**
- Gahagan, J. (Principal), R. Jackson, K. Thomas, I. Culbert, T. Rogers, C. Archibald, B. Adam, M. Dykeman, T. Prentice, and J. Mill (nd) HIV Prevention in Canada: A Meta-Ethnographic Synthesis of Current Knowledge. Gender and Health Promotions Studies Unit, Dalhousie University. Research Funded by CIHR. See <http://www.dal.ca/diff/gahps/research-projects/completed-projects/hivprevention.html>. **RR 10**
- Newman, Peter A., Charmaine C. Williams, Notisha Massaquoi, Marsha Brown, and Carmen Logie (2008) HIV Prevention for Black Women: Structural Barriers and Opportunities. *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved* 19:

829–841. RR11

#### Other Readings and resources

- BCAP Report on Young Black Women (2007)  
<http://accho.ca/pdf/BCAP%20Report%20on%20Young%20Black%20Women%20-%20Who%20Feels%20It%20Knows.pdf> RR

#### March 3, 5 and 10: IVD use and HIV

- Bourgois, Phillippe (1998) The moral economies of homeless heroin addicts: Confronting ethnography, HIV risk and everyday violence in San Francisco shooting encampments. *Substance Use and Abuse* 33(11): 2323-2351. RR12
- Elliott, Denielle (2014) Debating safe injecting sites in Vancouver's inner city: Advocacy, conservatism and neoliberalism. *Contemporary Drug Problems* 41(Spring): 5-36. RR13
- Insite for Community Safety <http://www.communityinsite.ca/> RR14
- Hathaway, Andrew D. and Kirk I Tousaw (2008) Harm reduction headway and continuing resistance: Insights from safe injection in the city of Vancouver. *International Journal of Drug Policy* 19 (2008) 11–16. RR15

#### March 12, 17 and 19: Local cultural change and HIV

- Pigg, Stacy Leigh (2002) Expecting the Epidemic: A Social History of the Representation of Sexual Risk in Nepal. *Feminist Media Studies* 2(1): 97-125. DOI: [10.1080/14680770220122891](https://doi.org/10.1080/14680770220122891) RR16
- Prince, Ruth (2012) HIV and the Moral Economy of Survival in an East African City. *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 26(4): 534–556. DOI: 10.1111/maq.12006 RR17
- Kuah-Pearce, Khun Eng and Gilles Guiheux (2014) Nurturing compassion through care-giving and care-receiving: the changing moral economy of AIDs in China. *Anthropology & Medicine* 21(1): 71–86.  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/13648470.2014.881461> RR18
- Persson, Asha (2005) Facing HIV: Body Shape Change and the (in)Visibility of Illness *Medical Anthropology*, 24:237–264. DOI: 10.1080/01459740500182683 RR19

#### March 24 and 26: HIV and ART

- Marsland, Rebecca (2012) (Bio)Sociality and HIV in Tanzania: Finding a Living to Support a Life. *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 26(4): 470-485 DOI:

10.1111/maq.12002 RR20

- Kalofonos, Ippolytos Andreas (2010) "All I eat is ARVs": The Paradox of AIDS Treatment Interventions in Central Mozambique. *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 24(3): 363-380. RR21
- Biehl, João (2008) *Drugs for all: The future of global AIDS treatment.* RR 22

March 31 and April 2: Global-Local and HIV

- Nguyen , Vinh-Kim (2013) Therapeutic modernism: Medical pluralism, local biologies, and HIV in Côte d'Ivoire. In Adelson, Naomi, Leslie Butt and Karina Kielmann (Eds.) *Troubling Categories: Engaging the Medical Anthropology of Margaret Lock.* Pp. ? Montreal and Kingston: McGill-Queen's University Press. RR23
- Moyer, Eileen & Emmy Kageha Igonya (2014) When families fail: shifting expectations of care among people living with HIV in Nairobi, Kenya, *Anthropology & Medicine* 21(2): 136-148. DOI: [10.1080/13648470.2014.924298](https://doi.org/10.1080/13648470.2014.924298) RR24
- Desclaux, Alice (2014) After the withdrawal of 'informed choice': the meanings and social effects of mothers' choice for HIV prevention in Senegal, *Anthropology & Medicine* 21(2): 113-124. DOI: [10.1080/13648470.2014.927194](https://doi.org/10.1080/13648470.2014.927194) RR25

April 7: Conclusion to course

- Hardon, Anita and Eileen Moyer (2014) *Anthropology of AIDS: Modes of Engagement.* *Medical Anthropology.* 33: 255–262. DOI: [10.1080/01459740.2014.889132](https://doi.org/10.1080/01459740.2014.889132) RR26