

CARLETON UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY

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RACE AND MEDICINE

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Course Schedule: Live Zoom classes will take place on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:35pm to 4:05pm.

Method of Delivery: Blended – This course is offered as a combination of synchronous and asynchronous lectures/seminars, meeting and/or activities. Registered student participation required during the scheduled class day and time. Course conflicts **are not** permitted.

Course Description: This course will examine how Western medicine works alongside economic, political, and sociocultural forces to reproduce and resist understandings of race. Over 6 weeks, we will explore ongoing intersections of medical practice and racial understandings in the areas of genetics, sexuality, reproductive health, mental health and illness and others. Throughout the course we will continue to question how processes of medicalization and racialization work together and explore how communities and activists have consistently resisted oppressive categorizations.

Some questions this course will focus on include:

- How have medical ideas about race factored into historical and ongoing processes of colonization, slavery, and eugenics?
- What are the social and biological mechanisms through which race and racialization impact health and what are ways in which this becomes a focus (or not) in Western medical practice?
- How have such processes aided in the construction of individual perceptions and reflections of one's relationship with, and movement within, Western healthcare systems?
- Where do we see counter hegemonic insurgencies that undermine these longstanding legacies of colonialism, slavery, racism, and eugenics within medicine?

Prerequisites: Third-year standing or permission of the instructor.

Reading (s)/Textbook(s): All required syllabus articles will be made available through the Carleton Library electronic reserves system (ARES) (accessed here: <https://reserves.library.carleton.ca/ares/ares.dll?Action=10&Form=60&Value=29071>) Additional readings, lecture videos, and supplementary material will be electronically linked to the Brightspace course page.

Course Requirements & Methods of Evaluation:

Assessment	Value of Overall Grade
Autoethnographic reflection exercise	10%
Reading response assignment	20%
Lead discussant assignment	20%
Final research paper	30%
Participation	20%