

History of Global Health and Disease Studies Seminar

The last decade has seen the emergence of global health as a conceptual framework for understanding the global processes that shape patterns of sickness and health in various parts of the world, as well as the activities of international health organizations, donor countries, national governments, NGOs, and local and transnational advocacy groups in combating health problems around the globe. More recently, a number of scholars have begun to conduct ethnographic and historically informed studies to examine critically these processes and institutions and to interrogate the complex set of political, economic, social, and ecological forces that are driving patterns of sickness and health and responses to them. The History of Global Health and Disease Studies Seminar is designed as a forum to allow interested faculty and students to engage with this emerging body of critical work. The Seminar will begin in February 2009. We will continue the seminar in the Fall. Each seminar will feature an invited speaker who will pre-circulate a paper to be discussed during the seminar.

Spring Speakers:

February 17: Todd Meyers, PhD Student, Anthropology and Public Health

February 24: Josh Garoon, PhD Student, Health Society and Behavior

March 3: Jishnu Das

March 23: Anne-Emmanuelle Birn (**Monday, 1:30-3:00pm**)

Date TBA (April 7 or 14): Adriana Petryna

April 28: Elizabeth Roberts (co-sponsor PLAS)

Each speaker will present a paper that is a work in progress. The papers will be circulated electronically to Seminar participants in advance of the session. Speakers will provide a short introduction to their paper, to be followed by comments and questions from a student discussant. The bulk of the seminar time will be devoted to an open (and we hope lively) discussion of the paper. The seminars will be held from 9:00 to 10:30 (unless otherwise noted) in the conference room (room 303) of the Department of the History of Medicine, located on the 3rd floor of the Welch Medical Library, East Baltimore Campus. The address of the Library is 1900 East Monument Street.