

FALL 2023

INDEPENDENT STUDY: READINGS AND RESEARCH IN EMPIRE, HEALTH, & MEDICINE IN MODERN HISTORY

Dr. Camden Burd



INDEPENDENT STUDY REPORT

TERM: FALL 2023

Student:

E#: _____

Course number and CRN: _____

Hours of credit: _____

Instructor: Dr. Camden Burd

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Work required:

“Readings and Research on Empire, Health, and Medicine in Modern History” Dr. Camden Burd

Overview: This independent study will explore the interconnected histories of empire, health, and health policy in modern history with a particular focus on the Atlantic World. Central questions to this course will be:

- How did the empire influence human health?
- How did the movement of people, ideas, and goods influence notions of health?
- In what ways does health policy reflect structures of empire?

The structure of the course is split into two sections. The first half will be dedicated to reading prominent works interested with the above questions. As such, this is a readings-based course that will involve weekly discussion. The second portion of this class will be dedicated to research. The student will be tasked to research and write an original research paper related to the themes of the course. This topic will be selected in consultation with the instructor.

Assignments: During the first half the semester, the student will read and discuss each reading with the instructor. This will be a weekly, face-to-face discussion where the student instructor discuss the pre-circulated review writing. The second component of the course will be to research and write a research paper influenced by the works discussed in the first part of the semester. This research paper is expected to be at least 20 pages in length. We will also meet weekly to discuss the progress of the paper, sourcing, and the historiographical influences and impact of the piece. **The weekly reviews, including F2F discussion, will count for 40% of the final grade. The final research paper will count for 60%.**

Course Schedule

Week 1

Meet and discuss the layout of the semester, expectations, and reading plan.

Week 2

Jim Downs, *Maladies of Empire: How Colonialism, Slavery, and War Transformed Medicine* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2021).

Week 3

John Farley, *To Cast Out Disease: A History of the International Health Division of Rockefeller Foundation, 1913-1951* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003).

Week 4

Amir A. Afkhami, *A Modern Contagion: Imperialism and Public Health in Iran's Age of Cholera* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2019).

Week 5

Abortion across Borders: Transnational Travel and Access to Abortion Services, eds. Christabelle Sethna and Gayle Davis (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2019).

Week 6

Douglas M. Haynes, *Fit to Practice: Empire, Race, Gender, and the Making of British Medicine, 1850-1980* (Rochester: University of Rochester Press, 2017).

Week 7

Sokieng Au, *Mixed Medicines: Health and Culture in French Colonial Cambodia* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2011).

Week 8

Jessica Lynne Pearson, *The Colonial Politics of Global Health: France and the United Nations in Postwar Africa* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2018)

Week 9 -16

Time dedicated towards research and writing.

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Approved by: Student _____
Faculty Member _____
Graduate/Honors/Undergraduate Advisor _____
Department Chairperson _____