ANTH 3550: Medical Anthropology – Short Course Outline

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Course Overview

This course introduces medical anthropology. We will examine the development of medical anthropology, and key concepts within this diverse field of theory and practice. Beginning with a discussion of humans as biocultural beings, we will consider how health is more than a biological context and discuss methodological approaches within medical anthropology. We will examine understandings of the intersections of culture and health, and consider a range of health issues, including (but not limited to) infectious disease, nutrition and development, reproduction, and mental health. In doing so, we will consider methodological and practice elements, including the contributions of medical anthropology to public health.

Evaluation Methods

TBD. Detailed assignment guidelines will be available to the class through Courselink.

Required Readings

Readings (articles and book chapters) available on the course website or through library reserves.