

New Medicine for the Institutional Inequalities that Make Us Sick

This one-day working conference will assemble multidisciplinary practitioners and theorists to explore a new paradigm, Structural Competency, that proposes that a host of clinical disorders (e.g. hypertension, obesity, smoking, medication "non-compliance," post-traumatic syndromes, depression, psychosis) must be addressed as the downstream implications of upstream decisions (e.g. food delivery systems, housing discrimination, urban infrastructure failure, biocapitalism, diagnostic codes).

Structural competency extends beyond cultural competency to address the pathologies of institutions and policies that alter the behaviors and biologies of individuals.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM-FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2012

10:00am WELCOME:

Mary Louise Pratt, Chair NYU Department of Social and Cultural Analysis

10:10am INTRODUCTION: STRUCTURAL COMPETENCY

- Jonathan Metzl (Vanderbilt University)
- Helena Hansen (NYU, Nathan Kline Inst.)

10:40am

Bruce Link and Jo Phelan (Columbia): Seeing the Structure of Inequality

11:10am PANEL 1:

STRUCTURE: THEORETICAL MODELS

- Philippe Bourgois (U Penn): Structural Vulnerability
- Dalton Conley (NYU): Structures of Socioeconomic Status
- Alondra Nelson (Columbia): Structures of health activism
- Michael Ralph (NYU): Structures of liability Moderator: Emily Martin (NYU)

12:30pm Lunch on-site

1:15pm Mindy Fullilove (Columbia): Urban Restoration as Competent Medicine

1:40pm PANEL 2:

COMPETENCY: STRUCTURAL INTERVENTION

- Jack Geiger (CUNY): Origins and Future of Competent Social Medicine
- Ernie Drucker (John Jay): Incarceration and Drug Policy as Key Sites of Intervention
- Kim Hopper (Nathan Kline Inst., Columbia, NYU): Recovery, Capabilities, and Citizenship as Health Care
- Irène Matheiu (Vanderbilt) Teaching Structural Competency: A Student Perspective
- Kathryn Church (Ryerson University): Service User Activism

Moderator: Rayna Rapp (NYU)

3:10pm BREAK

3:20pm ROUNDTABLE: DISCUSSION AND FUTURE STEPS

- Marc Gourevitch (NYU)
- Brad Lewis (NYU)
- Gary Belkin (NYC Health & Hospitals Corp.)
- Neely Meyers (George Washington)
- Thuy Linh Tu (NYU) Moderator: Jonathan Metzl

4:30pm CLOSING REMARKS Helena Hansen and Jonathan Metzl

FILM EVENT:

4:45 pm Faye Ginsburg (NYU): Discussion with filmmaker-physician Mehret Mendefro, "Visual Media as Structurally Competent Health Intervention'

5:00 pm Screening of Film: All of Us (Mehret Mandefro, 2008) (Pizza and Light Snacks)

6:00 pm Robert Anderson (NYU): Film Q&A with Mehret Mandefro

6:30pm Poststructural **DECOMPRESSION** (ie. after party) Von Bar, 3 Bleeker Street at Bowery,

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