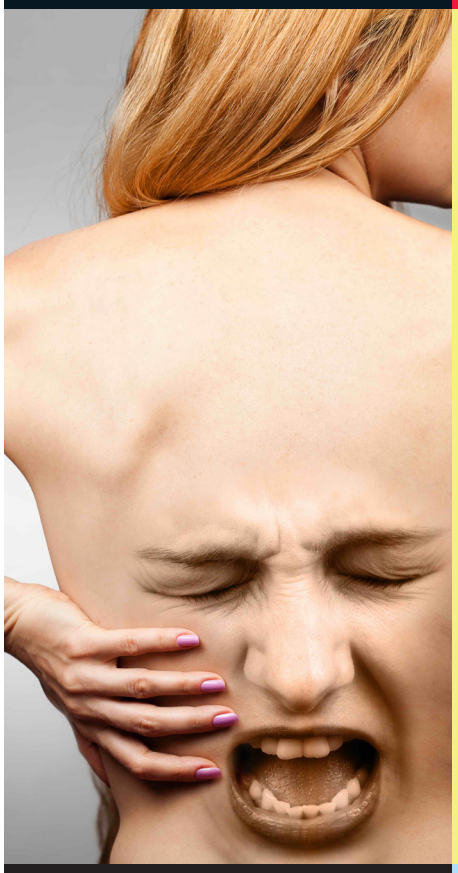
SOCI 3820 6.0

Sociology of Health and Health Care



What makes us sick?

How do people experience illness?

Is it possible to have too much health?

What are the connections between stigma and disease?

Why is the pharmaceutical industry so profitable?

What are the health consequences of the global economic crisis?

MEDICALIZATION

PILLS AND PROFITS

RACISM AND HEALTH

BODY ECONOMICS

THE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

STRUCTURAL VIOLENCE

PRIVATIZATION

THE MEDICO-LEGAL BORDERLAND

HEALTH INEQUALITIES

DIRECT-TO-CONSUMER PHARMACEUTICAL ADS

HEALTH AND THE MEDIA

These and other questions are the focus of SOCI 3820.

Throughout the course we explore health, illness and health care as socially produced phenomena. We will use a critical perspective to think through a range of issues, including, the neoliberal restructuring of health care; the connections between race, class, gender and health; illicit drug use and harm reduction; cosmetic surgery; and organ donation. By the end of the course you'll have a better understanding of the social, political and economic dimensions of health and health care and how the changes occurring in our health care system hold consequences for patients, health providers and others.

I'm Eric Mykhalovskiy the course director and a professor in the Department of Sociology. I do research on HIV, public health, criminalization, and human-animal health relationships.

SOCI 3820 is a full-year course starting this fall and is open to 2nd, 3rd and 4th year Sociology and non-Sociology majors.

The lecture is held on Wednesdays from 2:30 to 4:30. Tutorials are held on Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. (Tutorial 1 and 4) or 5:30 p.m. (Tutorial 2 and 3).