Reproductive Health Seminar  
Fall Quarter 2005  
Description of Class Sessions

AUTUMN RH SEMINAR THEME: Understanding Population Health

| Time: | Wednesdays, 2:00 - 5:00 PM |
| Place: | South Campus Center, Room 308 |
| Core Instructors: | Stephen Gloyd, MD, MPH  
| | Aaron Katz, BS, CPH  
| | Mary Anne Mercer, MPH, DrPH  
| | Vivien Davis Tsu, MA, MPH, PhD |
| TA: | Liz Mogford, PhD Candidate, MPH, MA |
| Course #: | HSERV 590C |

SESSION 1: 9/28/05

Theme: Population, Health and Leadership: Defining the Problem
Faculty: Steve Gloyd

Objectives:
1. Describe goals of the seminar course and themes to be covered throughout the next three quarters.
2. Describe alternative ways of framing policy issues, different implications of policy frames for action, and how framing issues is one aspect of leadership.

Readings:

SESSION 2: 10/5/05

Theme: Fellow Introductions
Faculty: Gloyd

Presentation Schedule:
1. 2:00 – 2:15 Announcements
2. 2:15 – 2:45 Gabriela Rodriguez / Marcy Bloom
3. 2:50 – 3:20 Abdul Shahwani / Cabeiri Robinson
4. 3:20 – 3:40 break
5. 3:45 – 4:15 Vicki Corpuz / Jim Jale
6. 4:20 – 4:50 Anjali Sakhuja / Sutapa Basu
SESSION 3: 10/12/05
Theme: Fellow Introductions
Faculty: Gloyd

Presentation Schedule:
1. 2:00 – 2:15 Announcements
2. 2:15 – 2:45 Amna Ahmed El Hag / Mona Lydon-Rochelle
3. 2:50 – 3:20 Salmi Sule / Fred Connell
4. 3:20 – 3:40 break
5. 3:45 – 4:15 Bizunesh Tamirat / Cam McIntyre
6. 4:20 – 4:50 Susan Ajok / Mary Anne Mercer

W3 Assignment:
1. “Problem Identification” essay due on 10/12/05 – please email as an attachment to plpsem@u.washington.edu

SESSION 4: 10/19/05
Theme: Fellow Introductions
Faculty: Gloyd

Presentation Schedule:
1. 2:00 – 2:15 Announcements
2. 2:15 – 2:45 Gitchi Diaz / Steve Arnold
3. 2:50 – 3:20 Eltayeb Mansour / James Pfeiffer
4. 3:20 – 3:40 break
5. 3:45 – 4:15 Berhanu Workineh / Mary Kay Gugerty
6. 4:20 – 4:50 Babul Prasad / Craig Jeffery

SESSION 5: 10/26/05
Theme: Population Dynamics
Faculty: Liz Mogford

Objectives:
1. Overview of theories of population and social change.
2. Status of the Demographic Transition Theory including a) the concept of classical statements; b) the debate over demand (economic development) versus supply (family planning); c) alternative ideas including intergenerational wealth flows and ideational theory.
3. Empirical research a) the European Fertility Project; b) World Fertility Surveys (WFS) and Demographic Health Surveys (DHS); and c) fertility declines in Asia.

Readings:
To be announced.
SESSION 6: 11/02/05

Theme: Determinants of Population Health
Faculty: Stephen Bezruchka

Objectives:
1. Prioritize the major concepts of population health and relate them to the pathobiology of hierarchy.
2. Contrast the major determinants of health of populations for rich and poor countries.
3. Analyze the policies carried out in one's home country in terms of the impact of determinants of population health.

Readings:

W6 Assignment:
1. Complete the Population Health Quiz (bring to seminar).
2. Great Leveler Video (view in Health Sciences Library on reserve for HSERV 591, or through arranged screening).
3. Attend the first IHP seminar, Friday Sept 30, 2005.

SESSION 7: 11/9/05

Theme: Poverty, Health and Fertility: Causal Relationship and Policy Implications
Faculty: Steve Gloyd

Objectives:
Demography overview addressing problem of overpopulation, determinants of health. Focus on macro-level demographics. Describe the case study setting, problems, political issues, social and economic environment.

Readings:
1. Robert Cassen et al., Population and Development: Old Debates, New Conclusions, Chapter 4, “Population Growth and Poverty”.
SESSION 8:  11/16/05

Theme:    Panel: Health Success Stories from China, Iran, and Kerala
Faculty:  Bill Lavely, James Pfeiffer, and Steve Gloyd

Objectives and readings TBA.

W8 Assignment:
1. “Policy Approach to Address Problem” paper due on 11/16/05 – please email to plpsem@u.washington.edu

SESSION 9:  11/23/05

Theme:    TBD
Faculty:  Steve Gloyd

SESSION 10:  11/30/05

Theme:    Infrastructure of Family Planning/Population Programs
Faculty:  Fellow Presentations

Objectives:
Brief each other on the role of various types of organizations prior to the New York/Washington DC field trip.

Readings:  None.

W10 Assignment:
1. Power point presentation (5-7 minutes) on a FP/RH organization for Seminar.

NY/Washington DC trip:  December 11 – 17th

Additional sessions/site visits:
• PATH:  (TBD)
• Planned Parenthood (TBD)
• Viewing of the Great Leveler video (TBD)