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Doctors and Delusions: Madness and Medicine in the Modern Era

Welcome! This course examines the relationship between insanity and its social and historical contexts between the 18th-century birth of the asylum and contemporary debates about depression and psychopharmacology. Major themes include the shifting meanings of madness for social categories like class, race, and gender. While the principal focus will be the place of madness and psychiatry in Western medicine, comparisons with Africa and Asia will also play a role in the course.

We will examine the history of madness through a close reading of medical, sociological, philosophical, and popular literature. Focused readings of these texts will help reveal changes in social, medical, and aesthetic views on psychopathology in the modern period, providing a basis for understanding the place of madness in the contemporary world.

You are responsible for attendance and informed participation at class meetings. Written requirements include four short reaction papers (about 2-3 pages each) in which you respond to a specific question on selected readings. There will also be a longer (10-15 page) independent paper on any approved topic concerning madness since 1800, for which you will write two drafts. Your attendance, preparation, and participation will constitute 20 % of your final grade; the reaction papers 40 %; and the final paper 40 %.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, I urge any student with a disability to inform me as soon as possible, so that I may make any necessary accommodations. All such requests are confidential.

Students are expected to familiarize themselves with UW policies on plagiarism and to assume full responsibility for academic integrity for all coursework.

Required Texts:

Sigmund Freud, Five Lectures on Psycho-Analysis.

Sigmund Freud, Three Case Histories.

Pat Barker, Regeneration.

Nathaniel Lachenmeyer, The Outsider: A Journey into My Father's Struggle with Madness (*Middleton Health Sciences Reserve*).

Optional Text:

Edward Shorter, A History of Psychiatry: From the Era of the Asylum to the Age of Prozac (*Middleton Health Sciences Reserve*).

* Readings marked with an asterisk are contained in the course reader, available for purchase at Agricultural Journalism on Henry Mall.

Week One—Pre-Modern Madness and Healing

Sept. 2—Course Introduction

Sept. 4—Madness and Healing before Psychiatry

* Roy Porter, *Madness: A Brief History* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2002), 34-61.

Weeks Two and Three—Making Modern Madness

Sept. 9—Unchaining the Mad

* Philippe Pinel, *A Treatise on Insanity*, trans. by D.D. Davis (Sheffield: W. Todd, 1806), 48-109.

* Samuel Tuke, *Description of the Retreat, an Institution Near York, for Insane Persons* (London: Alexander, 1813), v-xiii, 131-162.

Sept. 11—Liberation or Confinement? Criticism of the Moral Treatment

* Michel Foucault, “The Great Confinement” and “The Birth of the Asylum,” in Paul Rabinow, ed., *The Foucault Reader* (New York: Pantheon, 1984), 124-67.

Sept. 16—Boundary Disputes: Psychiatry, Religion, and Responsibility

* Ann Goldberg, “Religious Madness in the Vormärz” and “Religious Madness and the Formation of Patients,” in *Sex, Religion, and the Making of Modern Madness: The Eberbach Asylum and German Society, 1815-1849* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1999), 35-82.

Sept. 18—Sex, Gender, and Pathology in the Victorian Era

* John Connolly, “The Treatment of the Insane without Mechanical Restraints,” in C. Thompson, ed., *The Origins of Modern Psychiatry* (New York: Wiley, 1987), 7-10.

* Elaine Showalter, *The Female Malady: Women, Madness, and English Culture, 1830-1980* (New York: Vintage, 1985), 51-73.

FIRST REACTION PAPER DUE IN CLASS, THURSDAY, SEPT. 18.

Weeks Four and Five—Decadence, Degeneration, and Neurosis

RESEARCH CONSULTATIONS: PLEASE SELECT AN APPOINTMENT ON SIGN-UP SHEET OUTSIDE MY OFFICE, MSC 1423.

Sept. 23—Crime, Madness, and Politics: Psychiatry and Degeneration

* Cesare Lombroso, *Crime, Its Causes, and Remedies* (Boston: Little, Brown, 1912), 151-74.

* Elaine Showalter, *The Female Malady*, 101-120.

Sept. 25— Passion and Restraint: Neurasthenia, Gender, and Modernity

* Charlotte Perkins Gilman, *The Yellow Wallpaper and Other Stories* (New York: Dover, 1997), 1-15.

* Elaine Showalter, *The Female Malady*, 121-44.

Sept. 30—Hysteria and the “Talking Cure”

Sigmund Freud, *Five Lectures on Psychoanalysis*.

Oct. 2—No meeting: consultations

Week Six—Applying the Concepts

Oct. 7—Psychoanalysis in Context: The Wolf Man

Freud, *Three Case Histories*, 161-218

Oct. 9—Narrative and Cure

Freud, *Three Case Histories*, 219-80

Week Seven—The Great War, Shell Shock, and Male Hysteria

Oct. 14—War, Trauma, and Hysteria

Pat Barker, *Regeneration*, 1-145

Oct. 16—Reason and Madness at War

Barker, *Regeneration*, 149-250

SECOND REACTION PAPER DUE IN CLASS THURSDAY, OCT. 16.

Oct. 21— Special Meeting: Researching the History of Medicine

Guest Speaker: Micaela Sullivan-Fowler

Meet in Middleton Library, Room 303, 9:30-10:45

Week Eight—New Paradigms: Schizophrenia and “Primitivism”

Oct. 23—Schizophrenia: Psychosis and its Canvas

* Eugen Bleuler, “The Fundamental Symptoms of Dementia Praecox or the Group of Schizophrenias,” in C. Thompson, ed., *The Origins of Modern Psychiatry* (New York: Wiley, 1987), 165-201.

Oct. 28—“Primitivism” and the Dangers of “Deculturation”

* Lucien Lévy-Bruhl, *Primitive Mentality*, trans. by Lillian A. Clare (New York: MacMillan, 1923), 21-33.

* Megan Vaughn, *Curing their Ills: Colonial Power and African Illness* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1991), 100-128.

RESEARCH PROPOSALS DUE IN MY MAILBOX, 5 PM WED. OCT. 29.

Weeks Nine and Ten—Madness in Society: Mental Hygiene and the Production of a Healthy Society

Oct. 30—Psychiatry, Social Work, and the Urban Landscape

Guest Speaker: Elizabeth Lunbeck, Princeton University

* Elizabeth Lunbeck, *The Psychiatric Persuasion: Knowledge, Gender, and Power in Modern America* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1993), 11-24, 81-113.

Nov. 4—Mental Hygiene and Social Fitness

* William A. White, “Underlying Concepts in Mental Hygiene,” *Mental Hygiene* 1 (1919): 7-15.

Nov. 6—From Eugenics to Euthanasia: Psychiatry and the State in Nazi Germany

* Michael Burleigh, *Ethics and Extermination: Reflections on Nazi Genocide* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1997), 113-29.

Film: *Selling Murder*

Week Eleven—Minds and Bodies

Nov. 11—Somatic Psychiatry and New Paradigms: Electroshock and Psychosurgery

- * Ugo Cerletti, “Old and New Information About Electroshock,” *American Journal of Psychiatry* 107 (1950): 87-94.
- * Walter Freeman and James W. Watts, “Prefrontal Lobotomy in the Treatment of Mental Disorders,” *Southern Medical Journal* 30, no. 1 (1937): 23-31

Nov. 13—Explaining the Turn: State Hospitals and Psychiatry in Crisis

- * Jack D. Pressman, *Last Resort: Psychosurgery and the Limits of Medicine* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1998), 147-93.

THIRD REACTION PAPER DUE IN CLASS THURSDAY, NOV. 13

Weeks Twelve and Thirteen—Crisis, Drugs, and Resistance

Nov. 18—Chemical Straitjackets

- * Jean Thuillier, *Ten Years that Changed the Face of Mental Illness* (London: Martin Dunitz, 1999), 103-53.

Nov. 20—The Counterculture, Protest, and “Antipsychiatry”

- * D.L. Rosenhan, “On Being Sane in Insane Places,” *Science*, New Series 179 (Jan. 19, 1973), 250-58.

Nov. 25—Literature, Madness, and Resistance

- * Sylvia Plath, *Johnny Panic and the Bible of Dreams and Other Prose Writings* (London: Faber and Faber, 1977), 23-39.

FIRST DRAFT OF FINAL PAPER DUE WEDNESDAY, NOV. 26, IN MY MAILBOX.

Nov. 27—NO CLASS—THANKSGIVING DAY

Week Fourteen—Mental Disorders and Contemporary Society

December 2—Schizophrenia

- Nathaniel Lachenmeyer, *The Outsider: A Journey into My Father’s Struggle with Madness.*

December 4—Depression

- * Andrew Solomon, “Anatomy of Melancholy,” *The New Yorker* (Jan. 12, 1998): 46-61.
- * Peter D. Kramer, *Listening to Prozac* (New York: Penguin, 1993): ix-21, 47-66.

FOURTH REACTION PAPER DUE IN CLASS, THURSDAY, DEC. 4.

Week Fifteen—Mental Health, Healing, and Culture

December 9—The Placebo Effect

- ***Guest Speaker: Anne Harrington, Harvard University***
Readings TBA

December 11—Culture-Bound Syndromes

- * Lawrence Osborne, “Regional Disturbances,” *The New York Times Magazine* (May 6, 2001): 98-102.
- * Arthur Kleinman, “Neurasthenia: Weakness and Exhaustion in the United States and China,” in *The Illness Narratives: Suffering, Healing, and the Human Condition* (New York: Basic Books, 1998), 100-120.

FINAL PAPER DUE NO LATER THAN 5:45 pm, Thursday, Dec. 18