

GLOBAL HEALTH ETHICS, POLITICS, AND ECONOMICS

INRL 524; PHIL 658; LAW 21595; HPA 599; PLSC 594

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Class time: Thursdays 1:30 - 3:20, 77 Prospect Street, ISPS, Room A001

Special Seminars at alternative times and locations

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OVERVIEW:

Global health inequalities are wide and growing. Such inequalities pose ethical challenges for the global health community, especially international and domestic health and development institutions. This course will feature a string of distinguished visitors from academia as well as a few important representatives of international organizations (World Health Organization, World Intellectual Property Organization, World Bank), foundations (Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation), politics, the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries and/or the investor community.

ORGANIZATION OF COURSE:

Each visitor will assign readings for pre-circulation, typically recent work or work in progress authored by the visitor her- or himself. These readings are to be studied carefully in preparation for the class meeting, which will be moderated by one of the instructors. Enrollment in this class is limited to 25. Those taking the class for credit must write three class preparations as well as a final essay due by the end of term.

COURSE OUTLINE:

Week 1: January 15, 2009

Overview and course introduction

Week 2: January 22, 2009

Aidan Hollis (confirmed)

Week 3: January 29, 2009

Special intellectual feast prepared at the Yale Law School (Room 129)

2:00 - 3:30 Panel: Global Health Policy for the New Administration

3:30 - 4:30 Panel: Perspectives on Global Health Policy for the New Administration and Congress – A View from the Transition Team and Capitol Hill

4:30 - 6:00 Larry Gostin Keynote: "International Development Assistance for Health: Ten Priorities in a New Political Era"

Week 4: February 5, 2009

Charles King (confirmed)

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Paul Wise (confirmed)

Week 6: February 19, 2009

Noah Novogrodsky (confirmed)

Week 7: February 26, 2009

Peter Walker (confirmed)

Week 8: March 5, 2009

William (Terry) Fisher (confirmed)

Weeks 9-10: Spring Break – No class (March 12, 19)

Week 11: March 26, 2009

Julio Frenk (confirmed, special meeting noon-1pm at Yale School of Public Health)

Week 12: April 2, 2009

Tom Beauchamp (confirmed)

Week 13: April 9, 2009

Thomas Bossert (confirmed)

Week 14: April 16, 2009

James Orbinski (confirmed)

Week 15: April 23, 2009

Wrap-up

Reading Week (April 27, 2009 – May 4, 2009)

ASSIGNMENTS AND EVALUATION

Assignments and percentage effort will include the following:

Final Paper50%
Concept Papers for Select Readings30%
Class Participation 20%

Class Participation: Class participation is important – students are encouraged to share their knowledge, comments, critiques, feedback, and alternative opinions in efforts to present a thoughtful, analytical argument on various issues and topics.

Concept Papers: Students will be required to write three class preparations, suitably spaced over the semester. (At least one must be for sessions 2-6 – in by February 18th at the latest; at least two must be for sessions 2-11 – in by March 25th at the latest.) These response papers (2000-4000 words) are due in electronic form 24 hours *before* the relevant class. Their purpose is to attain a full understanding of the work pre-circulated by our guest and to prepare a critical response to it as a contribution to our class discussion.

Final Paper: This paper is your opportunity to choose a topic related to the course to explore and develop your thoughts, ideas and research to become more knowledgeable about a particular academic problem or practical global health project. The final essay may, but need not, be a substantial elaboration of one of the class preparations. This paper should not do double duty for another class. Paper length is 8000-10000 words, double-spaced, 1 inch margins on all sides. Figures, tables and exhibits should be presented as appendices at the end. The paper is due at the end of exam week by 5pm on May 4, 2009.

Special Needs: If you have a learning disability, sensory, or physical disability or impairment, or if English is your second language, and you may need special assistance in lecture, reading assignments, and/or papers, please contact one of the instructors.

Academic Honesty: Academic honesty is expected. If problems do arise for you regarding any aspect of the course, please talk with one of the instructors so that the problem may be remedied.

LIST OF POTENTIAL SPEAKERS (in alphabetical order):

Tom Beauchamp is a Professor of Philosophy and a Senior Research Scholar in Georgetown University's Kennedy Institute of Ethics. He took graduate degrees from Yale University and The Johns Hopkins University, where he received his Ph.D. in 1970. He then joined the faculty of the Philosophy Department at Georgetown University, and in the mid-70s accepted a joint appointment at the Kennedy Institute of Ethics. In 1976, he joined the staff of the National Commission for the Protection of Human Subjects of Biomedical and Behavioral Research, where he wrote the bulk of The Belmont Report (1978). Dr. Beauchamp's research interests are in Hume and the history of modern philosophy and practical ethics, especially biomedical ethics and business ethics. (CONFIRMED)

Thomas Bossert is Lecturer on International Health Policy at the Harvard School of Public Health, and Director of the International Health Systems Program – an interdisciplinary program which supports work on economics, politics, organizational and financing issues of health systems. He has been involved in research on decentralization of health care systems in Latin America, Africa and Indonesia. He developed an innovative analytical approach, the “Decision Space Approach” that provides a comparative tool for analyzing the range of choice over different functions that is allowed to decentralized authorities. Other areas of research include organizational reform of public institutions, human resources strategies and social capital and health. (CONFIRMED)

Carissa Etienne is Assistant Director-General for Health Systems and Services at the World Health Organization. Earlier she served in the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) where she directed five technical areas: health systems and services; technology and health services delivery; health surveillance and disease management; family and community health; and sustainable development and environmental health. Before that she worked as the Coordinator of Dominica's National AIDS Programme, Disaster Coordinator for the Ministry of Health of Dominica, Chairperson for the National Advisory Council for HIV/AIDS and the Director of Primary Health Care for Dominica, and Chief Medical Officer at Princess Margaret Hospital. (INVITED, NOT YET CONFIRMED)

Paul Farmer, a medical anthropologist and physician is Maude and Lillian Presley Professor in the Department of Social Medicine at the Harvard Medical School. He is also a founding director of *Partners in Health*, an international charity organization that provides direct health care services and undertakes research and advocacy activities in behalf of those who are sick and living in poverty. He has written extensively about health and human rights, and about the role of social inequalities in the distribution and outcome of infectious diseases. (INVITED, NOT YET CONFIRMED)

William (Terry) Fisher is Hale and Dorr Professor of Intellectual Property Law at Harvard University, and Director of the Berkman Center for Internet and Society. His work concerns Intellectual Property Law or American Legal History. He has authored or co-authored *The Canon of American Legal Thought, Promises to Keep: Technology, Law and the Future of*

Entertainment, Legal Reform in Central America: Dispute Resolution and Property Systems and American Legal Realism. (CONFIRMED)

Julio Frenk is incoming Dean of Harvard School of Public Health and an eminent authority on global health who served as the Minister of Health of Mexico from 2000 to 2006. He was the founding director-general of the National Institute of Public Health in Mexico, served as an executive director of the World Health Organization, where he focused on bringing scientific evidence to bear on health policy, and is a senior fellow in the global health program of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, as well as president of the Carso Health Institute in Mexico City and chair of the board of the University of Washington's Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation. (CONFIRMED)

Aidan Hollis, Associate Professor of Economics at the University of Calgary and author of numerous papers on patents and pharmaceutical innovation. His research is broadly in the area of industrial organization, and is particularly focused on competition and innovation issues in pharmaceutical markets. He is Director of Incentives for Global Health, a non-profit whose chief objective is the promotion and development of the Health Impact Fund. (CONFIRMED)

Jim Yong Kim is the Francois-Xavier Bagnoud Professor of Health and Human Rights and chairs the Department of Social Medicine at Harvard University. He is also the Director of the Francois Xavier Bagnoud Center for Health and Human Rights at Harvard Medical School. He co-founded *Partners in Health* (with Paul Farmer) and, when director of the World Health Organization, established the "3-by-5" initiative (aiming to extend anti-retroviral AIDS therapy to 3 million patients by the year 2005). An expert in TB, he has conducted extensive research into effective and affordable strategies for treating strains of TB that are resistant to standard drugs. While at WHO, he has responsible for co-ordinating HIV efforts with the TB department. (CONFIRMED, for Yale Law School Panel)

Charles King, Professor, Case Western University, is pursuing long-term collaborative research with Case colleagues and with the Ministry of Health (Kenya) on the epidemiology of schistosomiasis and other human parasite infections and the ecology of infectious disease transmission. Through recent collaborations with vector-borne disease specialists/ecologists at University of Illinois, and with public health specialists at University of Michigan, he is also pursuing the design of novel and optimal control strategies for disease due to schistosomiasis in Kenya and other endemic areas of the world. (CONFIRMED)

Christopher Murray is Professor of Global Health at the University of Washington. He is the former Director of the Harvard Initiative for Global Health and the former Executive Director of the Evidence and Information for Policy Center at the World Health Organization. A physician and health economist, his early work focused on tuberculosis control and the development of the pioneering Global Burden of Disease project at Harvard University. He has played a major role in the development of the QALY and DALY methodology (quality-adjusted life years; disability-adjusted life years) for assessing the global burden of disease. (INVITED, NOT YET CONFIRMED)

Noah B. Novogrodsky is the Director of the International Human Rights Program at the Faculty of Law of the University of Toronto, and Visiting Professor of Law at Georgetown University. In addition to his practice in international law, intellectual property law and in appellate litigation, he also works closely with various international human rights organizations by providing pro bono legal assistance in refugee cases and serving as an expert witness in U.S. Immigration court cases. In 2003, he founded Canada's first international human rights clinic at the Faculty. (CONFIRMED)

James Orbinski, is Associate Professor of Medicine at University of Toronto and a Fellow at the Munk Centre for International Studies. He was the President of *Médecins Sans Frontières* in 1999 when MSF received the Nobel Peace Prize and was involved in launching its global *Access to Essential Medicines Campaign*. He was also associated with *Dignitas International* and the *Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative* (DNDi). His research interests focus on medicine and humanitarianism; global health, and equitable access to health care and health care technologies. (CONFIRMED)

Jeffrey Sachs is the Quetelet Professor of Sustainable Development and Professor of Health Policy and Management at Columbia University where he also directs the Earth Institute. Author of *The End of Poverty*, he has served as Special Advisor to UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan and Director of the UN Millennium Project. He is also President and Co-founder of Millennium Promise Alliance, a non-profit organization aimed at ending extreme global poverty. He has authored numerous scholarly articles and books, including *Common Wealth* and *The End of Poverty*. (INVITED, NOT YET CONFIRMED)

Bernie Sanders is US Senator from the state of Vermont, elected to the Senate in 2006 after serving 16 years in the House of Representatives. He has focused on the shrinking middle class and widening income gap in America that is greater than at any time since the Great Depression. Other priorities include reversing global warming, universal health care, fair trade policies, supporting veterans and preserving family farms. He was sponsor of the *Medical Innovation Prize Act of 2007* (Senate Bill 2210). (INVITED, NOT YET CONFIRMED)

Joseph Stiglitz is University Professor at Columbia University, teaching in the Business School, Economics Department, and School of International and Public Affairs. He is President and Co-founder of the Initiative for Policy Dialogue, Chair of Columbia University's Committee on Global Thought and President Elect of the International Economic Association. He won the Nobel Prize in Economics in 2001 and is author of "Scrooge and Intellectual Property Rights." (INVITED, NOT YET CONFIRMED)

Peter Walker, is the Irwin H. Rosenberg Professor of Nutrition and Human Security and Director of the Alan Shawn Feinstein International Center at Tufts University. He has been active in development and disaster response since 1979. He joined the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in Geneva in 1990 where he was Director of Disaster Policy for ten years before moving to Bangkok as Head of the Federation's regional programs for South East Asia. Dr. Walker has traveled extensively in the Middle East, Africa, Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union and has published

widely on subjects as diverse as the development of indigenous knowledge and famine early warning systems to the role of military forces in disaster relief. He was the founder and manager of the World Disasters Report and played a key role in initiating and developing both the Code of Conduct for disaster workers and the Sphere humanitarian standards. He holds a Ph.D. in environmental science. (CONFIRMED)

Paul Wise is the Richard E. Behrman Professor of Child Health and Society at Stanford University and a core member of the Center for Health Policy and Center for Primary Care and Outcomes. His work is focused on children's health; health outcomes disparities by race, ethnicity and socio-economic status; the interaction of genetics and the environment as these factors influence child and maternal health; and the impact of medical technology on disparities in health outcomes. His work has encompassed many disciplines including neonatology, genetics, epidemiology and economics; and he has worked to improve healthcare policies and practices in developing countries. He is involved in child health projects in India, South Africa and Latin America, targeting diseases such as tuberculosis and AIDS. He currently chairs the steering committee of the NIH's Global Network for Maternal and Child Health Research and has served on other boards including the Physicians' Task Force on Hunger and the American Academy of Pediatrics' Consortium on Health Disparities. (CONFIRMED)