

SESP 298-20: HIV/AIDS Prevention in Africa—Fighting for Future Generations

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Monday, 6:00pm-9:00pm
Location: Annenberg 303

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

“Fighting For the Future Generations: HIV/AIDS Prevention in Africa” is a student-led seminar that will explore several issues important to the AIDS pandemic in Africa. This class will engage the students in critical analysis of the various factors that affect the spread of the disease—both negatively and positively. Our focus will be on the various prevention methods and programs that have been instituted over the last two decades.

We hope that the culmination of the course will be a week-long awareness and service trip to Ghana. In Ghana, we will work with local organizations that are directly involved in addressing HIV issues. In addition to service work in Africa, we will volunteer with local HIV/AIDS organizations. Our goals are:

- a) Make ourselves and a greater audience aware of the political and social importance of AIDS education and prevention in Africa
- b) Make a small difference in the AIDS situation in Ghana through education and prevention.

Course packet is available at Quartet Copies, 825 Clarke St, 847-328-0720

EVALUATION:

This course is taken for a Pass/No Pass credit. Unless there is an extenuating circumstance, you must go on the trip to receive credit for the class. You will be graded on:

- Your attendance and participation, including your prepared statement about PEPFAR, and your short informative statement about Ghanaian culture.
- Your oral presentation about the defining features of the specific HIV/AIDS prevention program from the sourcebook found online.
- Your presentation about the HIV/AIDS prevention program that you and your partners will design. You will be evaluated based on your discussion of other students' presentations.

CLASS SCHEDULE AND READING ASSIGNMENTS

Monday, January 8th

Sepkowitz, K. A. "One Disease, Two Epidemics" *The New England Journal of Medicine*, vol 354, no 23, p 2411

Merson, M. H. "The HIV-AIDS Pandemic at 25—The Global Response." *The New England Journal of Medicine*, vol 354, no 23, p 2414

Zeizima, Katie et al. "State of AIDS 25 yrs." *The New York Times*. June 5, 2006.

Verghese, Abraham. "AIDS at 25: An Epidemic of Caring." *New York Times*, June 4, 2006.

Zuger, Abigail, M.D. "AIDS, at 25, Offers No Easy Answers." *The New York Times*. June 6, 2006.

Optional Reading:

Cohen, Jon. "Searching for the Epidemics Origins." *Science*, Vol 288, No 5474, June 23, 2000, p 2164-2165

Monday, January 15th

Martin Luther King Day
No Class.

Monday, January 22nd

Cohen, Jon. "AIDS in Africa a Distinct Disease?" *Science*, vol 288, No. 5474, June 23, 2000, p 2153-2155.F

Piot, Peter. "Global AIDS Epidemic: Time to Turn the Tide." *Science*, Vol. 288, No. 5474, June 23, 2000, p 2176-2178

Hunter, Susan. *Black Death: AIDS in Africa*. Chapter Three- "Africa's Political and Economic Development"

"AIDS epidemic update" UNAIDS and WHO, November 2005.

Larson, Ann. "The Social Epidemiology of Africa's Aids Epidemic." *African Affairs*, Vol 89, No 354, January 1990, p 5-25

- ♣ Please note the date of the article when reading. Especially focus on pages 16-24.

Gesheker, Charles. "Outbreak? AIDS, Africa and the Medicalization of Poverty." *Transition*, No. 67 1995, p 4-14

NIAID Fact Sheet found at
"http://www.albany.edu/AIDS/howhiv.html"

Kristoff, Nicholas. "The Deep Roots of AIDS." *New York Times*.
September 19, 2006.

Assignment:

Please bring to class with a short prepared statement addressing your opinion of PEPFAR, with plenty of reasoning to back yourself up. You may use additional articles you have found to help back up your opinion.

Monday, January 29th

Auerbach, Judith D. et al. "Overview of effective and promising interventions to prevent HIV infection." *Preventing HIV/AIDS in Young People* ed. David A. Ross, Bruce Dick, and Jane Ferguson. World Health Organization: 2006.

Thoroughly browse website www.pepfarwatch.org Please pay special attention to the "prevention" tab.

Wise, Jacqui. "Demand for male circumcision rises in a bid to prevent HIV" *Bulletin of the World Health Organization*. July 2006, Vol 84, No.

Hoffman, Susie et al. "The Future of the Female Condom." *International Family Planning Perspectives*, Vol. 30, No. 3. (Sep., 2004), pp. 139-145.

Aggleton, Peter., Chase, Elaine, Wood, Kate. "Telling the Truth is the Best Thing: Teenage Orphans experience of parental AIDS-related Illness." *Social Science & Medicine*, Volume 63, Issue 7, October 2006, Pages 1923-1933

Optional Reading:

Cohen, Jon. "The Mother of All HIV Challenges." *Science*. Vol. 288, No. 5474. (Jun. 23, 2000), pp.2160-2163.

Klitsch, M. "Treatment of HIV-Positive Pregnant Women Lowers Infection Risk of Infants." *International Family Planning Perspectives*, Vol. 28, No3. (Sept., 2002) pp. 180-181.

Haynes, Barton. "Scientific and Social Issues of Human Immunodeficiency Virus Vaccine Development." *Science*, Vol. 260, No. 5112. (May 28, 1993), pp. 1279-1286.

Cauvin, Henri E. "To Fight AIDS, Swaziland's King Orders Girls to Avoid Sex for 5 Years." *The New York Times*. Sept. 29, 2001.

Assignment:

Each student will be assigned a different program to read about from the sourcebook of HIV/AIDS prevention programs. They will be responsible for giving a short oral presentation to the class about the defining features of their program, and what makes it unique. We will then discuss as a class the parallels and differences in the programs.

Monday, February 5th

Education and HIV AIDS: A Sourcebook of HIV/AIDS Prevention Programs. <http://www.schoolsandhealth.org/Sourcebook/sourcebook-complete.pdf>

Campbell, Catherine. *Letting Them Die: Why HIV/Aids Prevention Programmes Fail*. Section Three- "Mobilizing Young People to Prevent HIV" Woolnough, 2003.

Okie, Susan. "Fighting HIV-Lessons from Brazil." *New England Journal of Medicine*. May 11, 2006, p 1977-1981

Cohen, Susan. "Beyond Slogans: lessons from Uganda's experience with ABC and HIV/AIDS." *The Guttmacher Report on Public Policy*, December 2003, Volume 6, Number 5

Singh, Shushleea et al. "A, B and C in Uganda. The Roles of Abstinence, Condom Use and Monogamy in HIV Decline." *The Alan Guttmacher Institute*. Occasional Report No. 9, December 2003.

Optional Reading:

Dugger, Celia W. "Where AIDS Galloped, Lessons in Applying the Reins." *The New York Times*. May 18, 2006.

Monday, February 12th

Terry, Don. "Genocide's Other Victims." *The Chicago Tribune Magazine*. May 22, 2005 (mardge cohen article)

"War Against AIDS- Look to the Future." *The Economist*. August 17, 2006.

Cohen, Jon. "Balancing the Collaboration Equation." *Science*, Vol 288, No 5474, June 23, 2000, p 2155-2159

Selemogo, Mpho. "An Unequal Activism for an Unequal Epidemic?" *Developing World Bioethics*, Vol 5, No 2, 2005, p 153-168

"Access to AIDS medicines stumbles on trade rules." *Bulletin of the World Health Organization*. May 2006, 84 (5). pp. 342-348

Mayhew, Susanna. "Donor Dealings: The Impact of International Donor Aid on Sexual and Reproductive Health Services." *International Family Planning Perspectives*, Vol 28, No. 4 (Dec., 2002), pp. 220-224

Monday, February 19th

Rosenberg, Tina. "When a Pill Is Not Enough" *The New York Times*. August 6, 2006

Campbell, Catherine. *Letting Them Die: Why HIV/Aids Prevention Programmes Fail*. Introduction- "Sexuality, Participation, and Social Change" Woolnough, 2003.

DeYoung, Karen. "Between the Lines: Immune to Reality." *Foreign Policy*, No 126, September-October 2001, p 72-73

McNeil, Donald G. "AIDS Crisis Leaves Africa's Oldest Ways at a Loss." *The New York Times*. November 27, 2001.

Nullis-Kapp, Clare. "Africa is worst hit by dual epidemic." *Bulletin of the World Health Organization*. March 2005. Vol. 83, No. 3.

Kim, Julia and Motsel, Mmatshilo. ““Women enjoy Punishment”:
attitudes and experiences of gender-based violence among PHC nurses in
rural South Africa.” *Social Science and Medicine*. (2002) Volume 54. pp.
1243-1254.

Karin, Sali, S. Abdool. “Globalization, Ethics, and AIDS Vaccines.”
Science. Volume 288. (June 23, 2000). pp. 2129.

Cohen, Jon. “South Africa’s New Enemy” *Science*. Vol. 288, No. 5474
(Jun. 23, 2000), pp. 2168-2170.

Monday, February 26th

Group presentations on student-designed plans for HIV/AIDS education program.

- ♣ Draw on any relevant readings from the course thus far
- ♣ Please also utilize the web. Suggested websites include:
 - <http://www.gutmacher.org/>
 - <http://www.aidsuganda.org/>

Monday, March 5th

Glover, Evam Kofi, et al. “Sexual Health Experiences of Adolescents in
Three Ghanaian Towns.” *International Family Planning Perspectives*,
Vol. 29, No. 1. (Mar., 2003), pp. 32-40.

Raab, M. “In Ghana and Kenya, Many Spouses Disagree on Their Need
for Contraception.” *International Family Planning Perspectives*, Vol 24,
No 2, June 1998, p 100-101.

Collection of Articles about HIV/AIDS from Ghanaian newspapers.

Assignment:

Students will visit the website www.ghanaculture.gov.gh and any other
applicable resources before class, and come to class prepared with a short
presentation on a topic of their choosing, related to culture in Ghana