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Health Economics 3190-001 Fall 2018 Half Semester T&H

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<u>Course Objectives</u> After initial familiarization with basic economic principles we will analyze the U.S. health care system and the problems associated with it. We will then become familiar with the new Health Reform Law. We will explore the mechanisms of health care delivery, the changing nature of health and medical care, medical technology, and analyze public policy concerning medical care delivery. Special emphasis will be placed on addiction and policies regarding drugs. Caring versus curing will be explored. We will also study costs of: the elderly, racism, sexism and socioeconomic status in relation to health care, as well as lifestyles choices. Mental health and obesity will round out our survey of health economics.

<u>General requirements</u> Completion of all tests, assignments, presentations, abstract and paper on time and in the manner specified is required. It is also extremely important to keep up on course reading. It is expected that you will come to each class prepared, that is, having read the assigned material. Reading the material prior to class will allow you to engage more meaningfully during class. There will be unannounced quizzes to "encourage" timely reading. Students are expected to participate in the course with class discussions, and presentations. All tests count.

Regular attendance is also of the utmost importance. The purpose of this requirement is to facilitate exposure to the course material through discussion and lectures. If you miss a class, please refer to the syllabus. If you take responsibility, it will affect your class performance positively. If you have reason to believe you will be unable to attend class regularly, I suggest you not take this class. You are required to remain in the classroom during tests. Please use the restroom prior to class. There will be a break every hour.

Some of the writings, lectures, films, or presentations in this course may include material that conflicts with core beliefs of some students. Please review the syllabus carefully to see if the course is one that you are committed to taking. If you have a concern, please discuss it with me at your earliest convenience.

<u>There are no prerequisites for this class</u> (even though it is upper division). Consequently, we have quite a diverse range of students with different strengths and weaknesses. I would like to emphasize the positive aspect of this diversity, especially in your groups. Help one another with your strengths. Group work can be very rewarding personally and academically. Working with others is also a part of most "real" jobs, so I encourage you to take the time in order to make it a good experience for everyone.

Texts Required-- There is one copy of each at the reserve desk

1. Who Shall Live 2nd Expanded Edition 2011 by Victor R. Fuchs, (World Scientific) ISBN 13-978-4354-88-2 or ISBN-10: 981-4354-88-0

3. <u>Chasing the Scream</u> by Johann Hari (Bloomsbury) ISBN-13: 978-1620408902, ISBN-10: 1620408902

4. <u>FF--Fast Food Nation</u> by Eric Schlosser 2012(First Mariner Books) ISBN 978-0-547-75033-0

5. Notes packet available at the University Book Store

6. Readings All of the required readings are on CANVAS or hyperlinked on the syllabus.

"Student Names & Personal Pronouns: Class rosters are provided to the instructor with the student's legal name as well as "Preferred first name" (if previously entered by you in the student profile section of your CIS account). While CIS refers to this as merely a preference, I will honor you by referring to you with the name and pronoun that feels best for you in class, on papers, exams, group projects, etc. Please advise me of any name or pronoun changes (and update CIS) so I can help create a learning environment in which you, your name, and your pronoun will be respected.

Grading

- 1. Test and pop quizzes
- 3. Group Abstract
- 4. Paper
- 5. Presentation
- 6. Evaluation of you by your group
- 7. Documentaries
- 8. Country Presentations

- 2-25 each2 points possible10 points possible10 points possible10 points possible2-5 points each3 points possible
- 9. Attendance if late please wait outside until we have finished the mindfulness practice

¹/₄ point for being on time, 3/4 point attendance 10. Participation and Attendance in student group presentations 2 points. If you are late (5-7 min) for another groups' presentation, I will record a 1 on CANVAS. You cannot make up these points. 11. Miss a group presentation? You must complete a 3-pg makeup paper or lose 10 pts. See below

1.**Tests** will vary in the amount of points possible due to different lengths and difficulty. Points will range from 2-25 points per test. There is no final test. We will only use our "final time" if something disrupts the class, such as weather.

2.For the Abstract, Paper, Presentation please look at those guidelines in the notespacket.

3."Individual" group evaluation Each student will evaluate the members of their group based on contribution, and responsibility (being on time, doing what you said you would do). Due after your group presentation.

4.If you miss a presentation, you will be docked -10 points. To make up the 10 points you must complete a 3-page, single spaced, report on the topic you missed, using at least three sources, of which 1 must be a journal article. <u>You can makeup only one presentation</u>. The paper is due one week after the missed debate.

5. You will be given credit for **documentaries** either in assignments or test questions.

6.**Country Presentations** Each person will "pick" a country in class to report on. Summarize the info in the worksheet for the class in a 3 minute presentation. <u>Hand in the worksheet which is</u> <u>located</u> in the back of the notespacket when you complete your presentation.

7.**Class structure**. Tests will usually be given at the beginning of class. If you come to class late, you will not be given extra time. Presentations may start at the beginning of class. You are requested to remain in the classroom during class. Please wait until breaks to use the restroom.

8. Electronic Devices No electronic devices, such as computers, headphones or cellphones are allowed to be used in the classroom. You will have class notes and computers are very distracting to other students. If you have special needs for taking notes, you will need to speak to me. <u>Please use the breaks to check cell phones.</u>

9. Absence on test days: One time only! If you know you will be unable to attend a class period on which a test takes place, you will need to submit a written request in advance to me(one time max). If you do not make prior such arrangements, tests taken late will receive 50% of the full grade points(unless absence is verified by doctor or police report). If you do not contact me by the next class, no makeup tests will be given.

10.Extra Credit No extra credit will be granted beyond that offered in class.

Grading There is no curve. A 100%-93

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A-92-90	B 86-83	C+ 79-77	C- 72-70	D 66-63
B+ 89-87	B- 82-80	C 76-73	D+ 69-67	D- 62-60
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Health Economics Paper Guidelines

There will be approximately 9 groups with 4-5 people in each group.

Each group of students is required to write a 5 page paper (single spaced, regular margins, 11 or 12 pt font) on the subject your group is presenting to the class. Papers longer than 5 pages will be penalized.

The paper should use at least 5 different reputable sources to be cited either with footnotes or include a bibliography. These references can include peer reviewed journals, text books, government institutions and non-profit agencies. Be careful on internet sites that may have a strong bias—check original sources used by these sites.

You can use either footnotes or a bibliography for your references.

The paper is worth 10 points for each student.

There will be **one paper** turned in for each group.

Papers are due the day of your group presentation. Late papers will incur point penalties.

Since there are 4-5 people in each group, the group should decide as to how to divide the topic into research/work components. These components should form a coherent whole. This coherent whole should be reflected in your paper as well as your class presentation. Your analysis should be economic in nature which includes statistics as well as behavioural aspects of the topic.

The following is a list of the topics to be covered. You will have the opportunity to sign up for a topic. You may not get your first choice. My wish is that the topic is something that interests you; that you would like to learn more about it and share that information with the rest of the class. Also, it will give you the opportunity to meet some new people and experience working in a group—which is like many jobs that you will have in the future. If your group has additional ideas pertaining to your assigned subject, please bring them forward.

Medicaid Expansion

AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Diseases in Utah

Ebola, Zika, and CMV Viruses

Costs of Air Pollution, Mercury Poisoning and Climate Change in Utah and U.S

The Relationship between Racism, Classism and Health (Utah and/or U.S

and/or World)

Costs of Addiction—Smoking, Meth, Heroin and Pain Killers

Affluenza

Suicide, Depression and Antidepressants in Utah vs. U.S.

Obesity—Fast Food Proximity and Food Deserts

Health Economics Abstract Guidelines

The Abstract of Paper/ Presentation is due at least one week prior to your presentation. I recommend completing it before then in order to get my feedback and to facilitate a timely paper.

One abstract per group.

Abstract should be under 300 words and fit on one page.

Abstract should include: Title Authors And most, if not all of the following: Background/ History State the Objective/ The problem Conclusion/ Policy Recommendation References Learning objectives

If I recommend that you need to revise your abstract, points will be given after the revised abstract is complete.

The abstract, revised if necessary, is worth 2 points for each student

The Library has encouraged me to share this course reserve "How to Guide" with all students. It provides a walkthrough that will explain searching courses, filtering courses and finally how to access copyrighted material from off campus. http://campusguides.lib.utah.edu/course reserves guide

American With Disabilities Act Statement The University of Utah seeks to provide equal access to its programs, services and activities for people with disabilities. If you will need accommodations in the class, reasonable prior notice needs to be given to the Center for Disability Services (CDS), 162 Olpin Union Building, 581-5020 (V/TDD). CDS will work with you and the instructor to make arrangements for accommodations. All information in this course can be made available in alternative format with prior notification to the Center for Disability Services.

Health Economics Presentation Guidelines

Each group of students will be assigned to construct a presentation on the assigned topic that will be given to the class as scheduled on the syllabus.

You are required to prepare a Power Point or Prezi presentation. (Your presentation will be judged on content, organization, and clarity.)

The total Presentation should be 25-30 minutes. This gives 5 minutes per person to speak and then 5 minutes to conduct your student audience assignment or quiz. You will loose points if you go over your speaking time of 5 minutes per person. Part of the assignment is to stay within your time limit.

No more than 1 minute of video footage is to be used in your complete presentation.

You need to give me a time sheet that outlines when each person is speaking and for how long.

You are expected to start on time. Thus, you will necessarily have to make sure your computer works with our particular classroom *in advance*.

I suggest that you have different sectors including (the appropriateness will vary will the topic) Background/ History Objective/ The problem Data Conclusion/ Policy Recommendation References

Classmate engagement exercise

Either during or after your presentation, please prepare a participation exercise for your audience. It is up to the discretion of the presenters as to what this requirement entails. I encourage creativity here \odot . It is also worth 2 points for you so please put some effort into <u>engaging your</u>

<u>audience</u>. Engaging your audience is the most important part of public speaking.

Grading

During the presentation, I will grade each student based on the evaluation guidelines listed below. The presentation grade is worth 10 points <u>for each individual student</u>.

Evaluation Guidelines for Presentations

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Total (10 possible)_____

Health Economics Syllabus/ Schedule of Events

Students are responsible to keep updated if this schedule changes

• <u>Please read the articles Stressed Out? Try Being Less Competitive</u>, <u>Why We Can't Look Away From Our</u> <u>Screens</u>, and <u>Professors Who See No Evil</u> before our first class

August 21 T Introduction, Pedagogy, and What is Health Economics?

Go over the syllabus (will go over the group project in more detail next class) Pick a Country **Discuss** <u>Professors Who See No Evil</u>.--- discuss Fill out <u>Questionnaire on Expectations</u> and discuss **Discuss** <u>Stressed Out? Try Being Less Competitive</u> and <u>Why We Can't Look Away From Our Screens</u> **Start** documentary <u>Escape Fire (100 min total) (study guide</u> in notespacket) You can find the documentary online at : <u>https://digitalcampus.swankmp.net/utahdatabase/watch?token=3bbe2d044830b60bc9f8f064771331d093d8c44fc1e3</u> ecf719a04d13910fef27

For next class please:

- Read Mirror, Mirror on the Wall (CANVAS) for next class. Study guide in notespacket
- **Read** <u>Addressing Addiction in the USA</u> (no study guide)
- Read <u>Costs Can Go Up Fast When ER is in Network But the Doctors Are Not</u> (no study guide)
- **Read** Introduction and Chapter 1 in <u>Chasing the Scream</u> (<u>study guide</u> in notes packet towards the back)
- Next class please **pick a seat** so come early if you want a particular seat.
- Remember that if you arrive late to class, please wait until mindfulness practice is complete to enter.

August 23 H Problems and the Current Opioid Epidemic

Seating chart----pick a seat

4 countries

Group work: Escape Fire and Mirror, Mirror on the Wall, Chasing the Scream, Costs Go Up Fast...

Discuss and Costs Can Go Up Fast When ER is in Network But the Doctors Are Not

Discuss Addressing Addiction in the USA and Chasing the Scream

Finish Escape Fire (study guide in notespacket)

Discuss article Mirror, Mirror on the Wall

Establish groups and topics for presentation and paper

- Get together with your group and make a plan!
- Read <u>Chasing the Scream</u> Chapters 2-4
- **Study** for Test on Syllabus, *Professors Who See No Evil, Escape Fire, Mirror, Mirror on the Wall,* Chasing the Scream Chapters 1-4 and Costs Can Go Up Fast When ER is in Network but the Doctors Are Not

August 28 T

3 countries

Discuss Chasing the Scream Chapters 2-4

Test Syllabus, Professors Who See No Evil, Escape Fire, Mirror, Mirror on the Wall, Chasing the Scream Chapters 1-4 and Costs Can Go Up Fast When ER is in Network but the Doctors Are Not

Johann Hari TED talk

https://www.ted.com/talks/johann_hari_everything_you_think_you_know_about_addiction_is_wrong

Discuss <u>Health Article Summary of Affordable Care Act.pdfand</u> <u>Health Article Health Reform Implementation</u> <u>Timelines.pdf</u>

The assignment for ACA are in the notespacket <u>Health Article Summary of the Affordable Care Act and Timelines</u> <u>Questions.pdf</u>

Discuss Economic Terms, Elasticities, Universal Coverage vs Access

For next class please:

- Take a look at http://www.kff.org/health-reform/
- Read <u>Health Article Immigrants, the Poor and Minorities Gain Sharply Under Obama Health Act.pdf</u>

 d (no study guide)

• **Read** (study guides for the following are in packet) *Health Care Spending and the Use of IT in OECD Countries study guide*

Who Really Pays for Health Care? Study guide

Income Inequality and Rising Health Care Costs study guide

- **Due** -- <u>Assignment on Summary of the Affordable Care Act and Health Reform Implementation</u> <u>Timelines articles</u>
- Look at Group Presentation Guidelines and Expectations—might be a pop quiz on

August 30 H

Assignment Due on *Summary of the Affordable Care Act and Health Reform Implementation Timelines* IBIS Guest Speaker Michael Friedrichs Utah Department of Health Epidemiologist (there will be questions from his presentation on the next test)

8 countries

Quiz and Discuss Group Presentation Guidelines and Expectations

Discuss kff.org/health-reform

Discuss Articles: Minorities and Poor Immigrants Gain Sharply Under Health Act

Health Care Spending and the Use of IT in OECD Countries, Who Really Pays for Health Care?, and Income Inequality and Rising Health Care Costs

- Study for test on Mike Friedrichs' talk, Health Care Spending and the Use of IT in OECD Countries, Who Really Pays for Health Care?, Income Inequality and Rising Health Care Costs, Economic Terms, and Minorities and Poor Immigrants Gain Sharply Under Health Act
- *Read* Fuchs' <u>Who Shall Live</u>? *Introductions, Preface-Ch* 2—pages ix- 55 (*study guide is in the packet*)
- Be prepared to engage in **group work** on Fuchs next class

September 4 T

4 countries

Teston Mike Friedrichs' talk, Health Care Spending.., Who Really Pays for Health Care?, Income Inequalityand Rising Health.., Economic Terms, and Minorities and Poor Immigrants Gain Sharply Under Health ActDiscuss and Group work Intro and Chapter 1 and FuchsWho Shall Live?pages ix- 55Start AIDs doc (questions are in packet)http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/aids/

Intro and Chapter 1 and Fuchs Who Shall Live? Introductions, Preface-Ch 2 pages ix- 55

For next class please:

- **Read** <u>Who Shall Live</u>. *Fuchs Chapter 5*
- **Read** CMV Is a Greater Threat to Infants Than Zika, but Far Less Often Discussed (no guide)
- Read <u>Chasing the Scream</u> Chapters 5-7. Study guide in packet

September 6 H

Presentation Medicaid Expansion

8 countries

Discuss Fuchs Chapter 5

Discuss Chasing the Scream 5-7

Presentation Ebola, Zika and CMV Viruses

Discuss CMV Is a Greater Threat to Infants Than Zika, but Far Less Often Discussed

Discuss Chasing the Scream Chapters 5-7.

Possible Exercise/quiz on readings and presentations

For next class please:

- Finish watching AIDS doc on your own. <u>http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/aids/</u> Fill out worksheet and turn in next class
- **Read** What Are a Hospital's Costs? (no study guide)
- **Read** the following articles about **Doctors and Profits** (study guides in notes packet):
- Utah Docs Reap Millions

• Detailing Financial Links of Doctors and Drug Makers

• How Medical Care is Being Corrupted

Study for test Fuchs Chapters Intro 1, 2 and 5, Chasing the Scream 5-7 with CMV article extra credit

September 11 T Pricing and Costs

AIDS doc worksheets due

4 countries

Test Fuchs Chapters Intro 1, 2 and 5, Chasing the Scream 5-7 with CMV article as extra credit Presentation AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Diseases in Utah

Discuss *The Pricing of U.S. Hospital Services*—you don't have to read this article, just fill out worksheet during lecture and the notes are on CANVAS.

Discuss What Are a Hospital's Costs?

Watch <u>https://www.ted.com/talks/leana_wen_what_your_doctor_won_t_disclose</u> 16 min Look at https://www.cms.gov/openpayments/?utm_source=STAT+Newsletters&utm_campaign=6a19eb9d3f-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_10_16&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_8cab1d7961-6a19eb9d3f-149626981

Discuss articles Utah Docs Reap Millions, How Medical Care is Being Corrupted' Detailing Financial Links of Doctors and Drug Makers

Possible Exercise/quiz on readings and presentations

Lecture on Analysing Medical Markets (notes are in your notes packet)

- o Read Chasing the Scream Chapters 8-13 for next class. Study guide in packet
- **Study for Test** Analysing Medical Markets, The Pricing of US Hospital Services, What Are a Hospital's Costs, Doctors and Profits (3), Leanna Wen TED, and Chasing the Scream 8-13

September 13 H The Demand for Health and Health Care

7 countries

Discuss and group work Chasing the Scream Chapters 8-13

Test Analysing Medical Markets, The Pricing of US Hospital Services, What Are a Hospital's costs, Doctors and Profits (3 articles), Leanna Wen TED, and Chasing the Scream 8-13 Presentation Costs of Addiction—Smoking, Meth, Heroin and Pain Killers Start Lecture The Demand for Health and Health Care (notes are in notes packet)

For next class please:

- **Read** <u>Who Shall Live</u> Fuchs Chapter 3 (study guide in packet)
- **Read** article Ancient Egyptian technology may be our first line of defense from hospital infections (study guide in packet)
- Read The Lancet Countdown: tracking progress on health and climate change

September 18 T

4 countries

Finish Lecture The Demand for Health and Health Care (notes are in notes packet)

Discuss <u>Who Shall Live</u>, Fuchs Chapter 3

Discuss The Lancet Countdown: tracking progress on health and climate change

Watch Mark Plotkin's TED talk 17 minutes. Assignment in packet

https://www.ted.com/talks/mark_plotkin_what_the_people_of_the_amazon_know_that_you_don_t?language=

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Presentation Air Pollution and Mercury in Utah and U.S, and Climate Change and Human Health **Discuss** article *Ancient Egyptian technology may be our first line of defense from hospital infections*

For next class please:

- Finish <u>Chasing the Scream</u> Chapters 14-Conclusion (study guide in packet)
- Due next class Complete Plotkin assignment
- **Read** Researchers Shed Light on Asthma's Mysteries
- Study for test Demand for Health Care, Fuchs 3, Ancient Egyptian technology Chasing the Scream 14-Conclusion

<u>Sept 20 H</u> **Plotkin assignment due** 4 countries Discuss <u>Chasing the Scream</u> **Test** Demand for Health Care, Fuchs 3, *Ancient Egyptian technology*, Chasing the Scream 14-Conclusion Discuss Plotkin assignment Discuss Researchers Shed Light on Asthma's Mysteries **Watch** The Paradox of Choice TED Talk Barry Schwartz <u>https://www.ted.com/talks/barry_schwartz_on_the_paradox_of_choice</u>

- **Read** Under the Shadow of Tuskegee (study guide in packet)
- Read <u>Who Shall Live</u>, Fuchs p 165-176 (study guide in packet)
- **Read** *Stigma* for next class (study guide in packet)
- **Read** *The Effect of Patient Race and SES on Physician's Perceptions of Patients* (study guide in packet)
- **Read** *The Road* (no study guide)
- **Read** Levels of Racism (no study guide)

<u>September 25 T</u> Discrimination, Happiness and Food **Discuss** The Road **Discuss** Levels of Racism **Discuss** Stigma
A Class Divided doc **Presentation** Racism, Classism and Sexism and How They Affect Health **Discuss** The Effect of Patient Race and SES on Physician's Perceptions of Patients **Discuss** Fuchs p 165-176 **Discuss** Fast Food Nation

For next class please:

- o Start Fast Food Nation-- read up through Chapter 5
- **Study for Test** The Paradox of Choice, Under the Shadow of Tuskegee, Fuchs p 165-176 The Effect of Patient Race and SES on Physician's Perceptions of Patients and Stigma, The Road, Levels of Racism, and Fast Food Nation through Chapter 5
- **Read** The 14 Habits of Highly Miserable People
- o Read A Positive Outlook May be Good For Your Health

September 27 Social Determinants

Discuss Fast Food Nation -5

Test – The Paradox of Choice, Under the Shadow of Tuskegee, Fuchs p 165-176, The Effect of Patient Race and SES on Physician's Perceptions of Patients, Stigma, The Road, Levels of Racism and Fast Food Nation through Chapter 5

Presentation Suicide/Depression

(Mortality and Morbidity in the 21st Century)

Discuss The Tyranny of Choice

Discuss Prices, Profit and Innovation---- you do not need to read this article

TED Robert Waldinger

https://www.ted.com/talks/robert_waldinger_what_makes_a_good_life_lessons_from_the_longest_study_on_ happiness_13 minutes

For next class please:

o Read Veblen's Pecuniary Emulation and Conspicuous Consumption. (study guide in packet)

Be prepared for group work

- **Read** Fast Food Nation 6-9
- Read So Tired of Life (no worksheet on, summarize for yourself for studying)
- **Read** Attending Death With Dignity (no worksheet on, summarize for yourself for studying)

October 2 T Mental Health Discuss Fast Food Nation Presentation Affluenza Discuss and group work Veblen Conspicuous Consumption Practical Wisdom TED Discuss So Tired of Life, Attending Death With Dignity, Start FED Up doc (92 minutes total)

Study for Test *Veblen, The Tyranny of Choice,* <u>Fast Food Nation</u> Chapters 6-epilogue, *So Tired of Life*, *Attending Death With Dignity*

October 4 H **Test** Veblen, The Tyranny of Choice, Fast Food Nation 6-epilogue, So Tired of Life, Attending Death With Dignity **Presentation** Obesity—Fast Food Proximity and Food Deserts FED Up doc Final Review

This will be our last class. Remember there is no final and all tests count.



BUILDING EVACUATION

EAP (Emergency Assembly Point) – When you receive a notification to evacuate the building either by campus text alert system or by building fire alarm, please follow your instructor in an orderly fashion to the EAP marked on the map below. Once everyone is at the EAP, you will receive further instructions from Emergency Management personnel. You can also look up the EAP for any building you may be in on campus at <u>http://emergencymanagement.utah.edu/eap</u>.



CAMPUS RESOURCES

U Heads Up App: There's an app for that. Download the app on your smartphone at <u>alert.utah.edu/headsup</u> to access the following resources:

- Emergency Response Guide: Provides instructions on how to handle any type of emergency, such as earthquake, utility failure, fire, active shooter, etc. Flip charts with this information are also available around campus.
- See Something, Say Something: Report unsafe or hazardous conditions

on campus. If you see a life threatening or emergency situation, please call 911!

Safety Escorts: For students who are on campus at night or past business hours and would like an escort to your car, please call 801-585-2677. You can call 24/7 and a security officer will be sent to walk with you or give you a ride to your desired on-campus location.

