SOC 873: SOCIAL ORGANIZATION OF HEALTH AND MEDICINE

W 9:10a - 12:00p
C205  Wells Hall

2nd Semester, Jan-May 2008

Syllabus

Goal:
- To better understand the organization, management and delivery of health care
- To better understand the political and social context in which health care is delivered.
- To better understand the application of organizational/managerial theory to health care system

Learning Objectives:
- Ability to define and identify key terms and concepts will be assessed in class presentations and discussions.
- Ability to comprehend major theories and policies will be assessed through written papers.
- Ability to develop hypotheses and integrate theory with cases will be assessed through written papers.

Required Texts:

A Question of Intent: A Great American Battle with a Deadly Industry.
David Kessler ISBN: 1586481215

Institutional Change and Healthcare Organizations: From Professional Dominance to Managed Care

Advances in Health Care Organization Theory

Grading:

Grades will be based on a combination of written work and participation in class discussions. You cannot do well in this class unless you are actively engaged in the seminar. Clearly some students participate orally more than others. For those who speak less often, your written work will be of additional importance.

One way to master something is to be able to present it to others. You should look over the sets of readings and decide for which four sets of readings you are willing to provide a critical review of 3-4 paragraphs. You will be asked to identify four for critical review. The reviews should be e-mailed by 5pm Mondays. This will provide a basis for beginning our seminar on Wednesdays.

Each student will write two papers (8-15 pages) dealing with an approved topic.