

Myths and Mischief in Medical Research/Seminar in Applied Ethics

PSY 4931/EXP 7099/IDH 3600, Fall, 2011

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Class: PSY: Monday 3:05 – 5:50, PCD 1134
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Textbook: “*Trick and Treat*” by Barry Groves

Course Description: This seminar will investigate flaws, conflicts of interest and deception in medical research. The course will follow chapters in the book by Groves. Students will prepare a lecture based on one or two chapters from the Groves book. Students will present original data papers cited in the books or other papers relevant to the topic of the chapter in a powerpoint presentation which should be approximately 45-60 min.

In addition, students will choose topics on their own or from the following blogs:

<http://thincs.org/>

<http://www.carbohydratescankill.com/>

<http://www.beforeyoutakethatpill.com/index.php/about/>

<http://www.mercola.com/>

<http://www.westonaprice.org/>

<http://www.garytaubes.com/blog/>

<http://livinlavidalowcarb.com/blog/>

<http://www.second-opinions.co.uk/index.html>

<http://www.worstpills.org/index.cfm>

login: ddiamond@mail.usf.edu

pw: *skeptic*

Each week two students will present chapters from the Groves book and one student will present a blog topic. Students who present a blog topic will prepare a 30 min presentation. ***Students must have their blog topic presentations approved by me no less than 1 week in advance of the class. You may choose to present a topic that is not in either of the blogs but it must be approved no less than 1 week in advance of the class.***

Grades: There will not be any exams. Grades will be based on the quality of the presentations in class, questions asked during the lectures, and a paper written on any topic relevant to the course. The paper (4-5 pages, double-spaced, 12 pt font) is to be turned in on the last day of class. Attendance is mandatory. Missing a class without sufficient reason can lower your course grade. Students in IDH 3600 will have an additional project which will be discussed in class.

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<u>Week</u>	<u>Chapters</u>	<u>Presenters: Chapters</u>	<u>Blog</u>
8/22	Introduction		
8/29	1, 2		
9/5		No Class (Holiday)	
9/12	3, 4		
9/19	5, 6-7		
9/26	8, 9-10		
10/3	11, 12-13		
10/10	14, 15-16		
10/17	17-18, 19		
10/24	20, 21-22		
10/31	23, 24		
11/7	25-26, 27		
11/14		No Class	
11/21	28, 29		
11/28	Kaufman #1, 4		