

HIST 35205: Death, Disease, and Medicine in 20th Century American History

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Outbreaks of Coronavirus, Ebola and Zika remind us that despite medical technology and scientific advance, disease continues to shape our identities and interactions with others. In this course, we will investigate the role of disease and medicine on twentieth-century American culture and society. From polio to AIDS, ideas about risk, contagion, health, and death have been intricately linked to politics, race, gender, class, and ethnicity.

Note: This course meets requirements for Purdue's Medical Humanities certificate.