

THE SPIRIT OF 1848 INVITES YOU TO ATTEND:

at the 124th meeting of the American Public Health Association in New York City (Nov 18-21, 1996)

MEASURING SOCIAL CLASS IN PUBLIC HEALTH RESEARCH: THEORETICAL, EMPIRICAL, AND PRACTICAL ISSUES

Monday, November 18 * 12:30 to 2:00 pm *** Hilton, Sutton South (Session 1053.1)**

Measures of social class are essential for understanding, documenting, and working to eliminate socioeconomic inequalities in health. Controversies exist over which measures are best, and how to measure social class of women, children, the unemployed and retired, and ethnic groups subjected to racial discrimination. In this session we will review and apply concepts, methodologies, and guidelines for useful research on measuring effects of social class on population patterns of health, disease, and well-being.

12:30 Introduction--**Oliver Fein, MD and Nancy Krieger, PhD**

12:35 Measuring social class in public health research: concepts, methodologies and guidelines--
Nancy Krieger, PhD, David Williams, PhD, and Nancy Moss, PhD

12:55 Measuring social and material deprivation: lessons from the UK--**Peter Townsend, PhD**

1:10 Measuring and using social class in community health assessment: A Local Health Department
perspective--**James Krieger, MD, David Solet, PhD, and Lin Song, PhD**

1:25 Discussant---**Paula Braveman, MD**

1:35 Open discussion

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CURRICULA IN SOCIAL INEQUALITIES IN HEALTH: TEACHING IN DIFFERENT SETTINGS

Tuesday, November 19 * 8:30 to 10:00 am *** Hilton, Sutton South (Session 2074)**

Social inequalities in health, although rarely named as such, underlie much of the ample research showing `racial'/ethnic and class disparities in experiences of health, disease and well-being. Undergraduate, public health and medical education, while addressing `race'/class differences, should also teach students to think about the root causes of these differences. In this session, we will discuss various approaches to teaching about social inequalities in health that link public health action with social and biological theory of what drives population patterns in health and disease.

Introduction: **Michelle Murrain and Ramon Castellblanch**

* "Race and Racism", at a School of Public Health--**Camara Jones, MD, PhD**

* "The Health of Women", an Activist Course in a Medical School Setting--**Sally Zierler, DrPH**

* "The Biology of Poverty", an Introductory Level Undergraduate Course--**Michelle Murrain, PhD and Alan Goodman, PhD**

* "Social Inequalities in Health," in an Introduction to Health Care in the US--**Anne-Emanuelle Birn, ScD**

* Discussant: **Ramon Castellblanch, PhD**

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SOCIAL INEQUALITIES IN HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE: USING SOCIAL CLASS MEASURES IN HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH

Tuesday, November 19 * 4:00 to 5:30 pm *** Hilton, Sutton North (Session 2279)**

Presider: **Carles Muntaner, MD, PhD**

- 4:00 The Social Determinants of Health Care Coverage: Assessing the Contribution of Wealth--**P Ellen Parsons, PhD, MPH, Carles Muntaner, MD, PhD, Barry Milcarek, PhD, Thomas Brundage, and Thomas Evans**
- 4:15 Social Inequalities in Access to Preventive Services--**Nancy Breen, PhD, P Ellen Parsons, PhD, MPH, Barry Milcarek, PhD, Thomas Brundage, and Thomas Evans**
- 4:30 Social Class and AIDS: Mortality Findings from North Carolina and Recommendations for Improved Surveillance--**Elizabeth Barnett, PhD, and Donna Armstrong, PhD**
- 4:45 Usual Source of Care, Use of Services, and Unmet Need: An Assessment of Social Class Differences in Access to Care--**Robin A. Cohen, PhD, P Ellen Parsons, PhD, MPH, Gloria Simpson, MA, and Barbara Bloom-Kornmeier, MPH**
- 5:00 Using ZIP Code Data to Measure Social Class Differences in Avoidable Hospitalizations--**Wilbur C. Hadden, MA, Lola Jean Kozak, PhD, Gregory Pappas, MD, PhD**
- 5:15 Discussion

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POLITICS, PASSION, AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Tuesday, November 19 * 12:30 to 2:00 pm *** Hilton, Morgan A Room**

Come to a working meeting of The Spirit of 1848, a network concerned with social inequalities in health. Our committees focus on the politics of public health data, public health curricula, mentoring, and history of public health. We will be planning projects for the coming year; join us, and get involved!

NOTE: WE ARE ALSO CO-SPONSORING:

“Give 'Em Health! A Conference on the History of the American Health Left” (Sunday, Nov. 17, 9:30 to 2:30 pm)--Elliott Godoff Auditorium, National Health and Human Service Employees union (1199), 310 West 43rd St. (between 8th & 9th Avenues)

* Speakers include: Elizabeth Fee, Vanessa Gamble, David Montgomery, Ellen Schrecker, Robb Burlage, Anthony Mazzochi, Rosalyn Fraad Baxandall, David Rosner, Anne-Emanuelle Birn, Gerard Ferguson, Walter J Lear

* Registration fee: \$35; for more information, contact Walter Lear (Philadelphia) at 215-386-5327

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ORGANIZING FOR HEALTHY COMMUNITIES (Monday, Nov. 18, 4:00 to 5:30 pm, Session 1184)

* Speakers include: Meredith Minkler, DrPH, Peggy Hickman, EdD, Roni Neff

* Co-sponsors: Socialist Caucus; Spirit of 1848

“OUT OF OUR PAST”: BIOLOGICAL DETERMINISM AND THE POLITICS OF REPRESSION (Wednesday, Nov 20, 2:00 to 5:00 pm, Session 3187)

* Speakers include: Gerard Ferguson, PhD, Tracy Morgan, Michael Yudell, Keith Wailoo, David Rosner, PhD, MPH

* Sponsors: Medical Care; Forum on Bioethics; Spirit of 1848

IMPROVING OUR SYSTEMS TO SERVE LATINO COMMUNITIES: THE ROLE OF EDUCATION & TRAINING (Wednesday, Nov 20, 4:00 to 5:30 pm, Session 3228)

* Speakers include: Diana Bontá, DrPH, Britt Ellis, Adela de la Torre, Harold Hunter, Lori Ramos, Eugenia Acuna, Marie Napolitano, Bruce Goldberg

* Sponsors: Latino Caucus; Spirit of 1848

POLITICS PASSION & PUBLIC HEALTH

- * Are you interested helping form a network concerned with social inequalities in health?
- * Do you want to talk more with other people working to understand and change how social divisions based on social class, race/ethnicity, gender, sexual identity, and age affect the public's health?
- * Do you want to be more engaged in the politics of public health data--discussing how and why we measure and study social inequalities in health; influencing the data collected in US vital statistics, health surveys, and disease registries; and clarifying how these data shape efforts to reduce social inequalities in health?
- * Do you want to know more about the historical origins of the public health theories, research, and programs in your area of work?
- * Do you want a forum in which to strategize about how to get these types of issues and questions addressed in courses offered at schools of public health?

If so, come to the third annual meeting of "The Spirit of 1848." We're a new network, aiming to work on projects in and outside of APHA. We've chosen our name because it captures our intentions: 1848 marks a high point in the early days of the worldwide public health movement and its links to other burgeoning movements for social justice--the anti-slavery movement, the women's rights movement, the trade union movement, the child welfare movement, and other political movements calling for social and economic democracy. 1848 evokes a spirit of optimism and commitment to social change that we can learn from and build on, and that can still serve to inspire us in our daily work, especially in these times of reaction and retrenchment.

To learn more about the events of 1848 and how we can build on our progressive foundations in the current era, join with us on:

**Tuesday, November 19, 1996
12:30 - 2:00 pm
Hilton, Morgan A Room**

CHECK OUT THE SPIRIT OF 1848

NOTE: WE NEED HELP POSTING AND DISTRIBUTING FLYERS ABOUT SESSIONS SPONSORED BY SPIRIT OF 1848. IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE CONTACT NANCY KRIEGER (by email: nkrieger@hsph.harvard.edu)

NOTABLE EVENTS IN AND AROUND 1848

1840-

1847: Louis Rene Villermé publishes the first major study of workers' health in France, A Description of the Physical and Moral State of Workers Employed in Cotton, Linen, and Silk Mills (1840); in England, Edgar Chadwick publishes General Report on Sanitary Conditions of the Laboring Population in Great Britain (1842); first child labor laws in the Britain and the United States (1842); end of the Second Seminole War (1842); prison reform movement in the United States initiated by Dorothea Dix (1843); Frederick Engels publishes The Condition of the Working Class in England (1844); John Griscom publishes The Sanitary Condition of the Laboring Population of New York with Suggestions for Its Improvement (1845); Irish famine (1845-1848); start of US-Mexican war (1846); Frederick Douglass founds The North Star, an anti-slavery newspaper (1847); Southwood Smith publishes An Address to the Working Classes of the United Kingdom on their Duty in the Present State of the Sanitary Question (1847)

1848: World-wide cholera epidemic

Uprisings in Berlin, Paris, Vienna, Sicily, Milan, Naples, Parma, Rome, Warsaw, Prague, and Budapest; start of Second Sikh war against British in India

In the midst of the 1848 revolution in Germany, Rudolf Virchow founds the medical journal Medical Reform (Medicinishe Reform), and publishes his classic "Report on the Typhus Epidemic in Upper Silesia," in which he concludes that preserving health and preventing disease requires "full and unlimited democracy"

Revolution in France, abdication of Louis Philippe, worker uprising in Paris, and founding of The Second Republic, which creates a public health advisory committee attached to the Ministry of Agriculture and Commerce and establishes network of local public health councils

First Public Health Act in Britain, which creates a General Board of Health, empowered to establish local boards of health to deal with the water supply, sewerage, cemeteries, and control of "offensive trades," and also to conduct surveys of sanitary conditions

The newly formed American Medical Association sets up a Public Hygiene Committee to address public health issues

First Women's Rights Convention in the United States, at Seneca Falls

Henry Thoreau publishes Civil Disobedience, to protest paying taxes to support the United State's war against Mexico

Karl Marx and Frederick Engels publish The Communist Manifesto

1849-

1854: Elizabeth Blackwell sets up the New York Dispensary for Poor Women and Children (1849); John Snow publishes On the Mode of Communication of Cholera (1849); Lemuel Shattuck publishes Report of the Sanitary Commission of Massachusetts (1850); founding of the London Epidemiological Society (1850); Indian Wars in the southwest and far west (1849-1892); Compromise of 1850 retains slavery in the United States and Fugitive Slave Act passed; Harriet Beecher Stowe publishes Uncle Tom's Cabin (1852); Sojourner Truth delivers her "Ain't I a Woman" speech at the Fourth Seneca Fall convention (1853); John Snow removes the handle of the Broad Street Pump to stop the cholera epidemic in London (1854)