

Medical Anthropology and the Harvard Experience



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Medical Anthropology at Harvard

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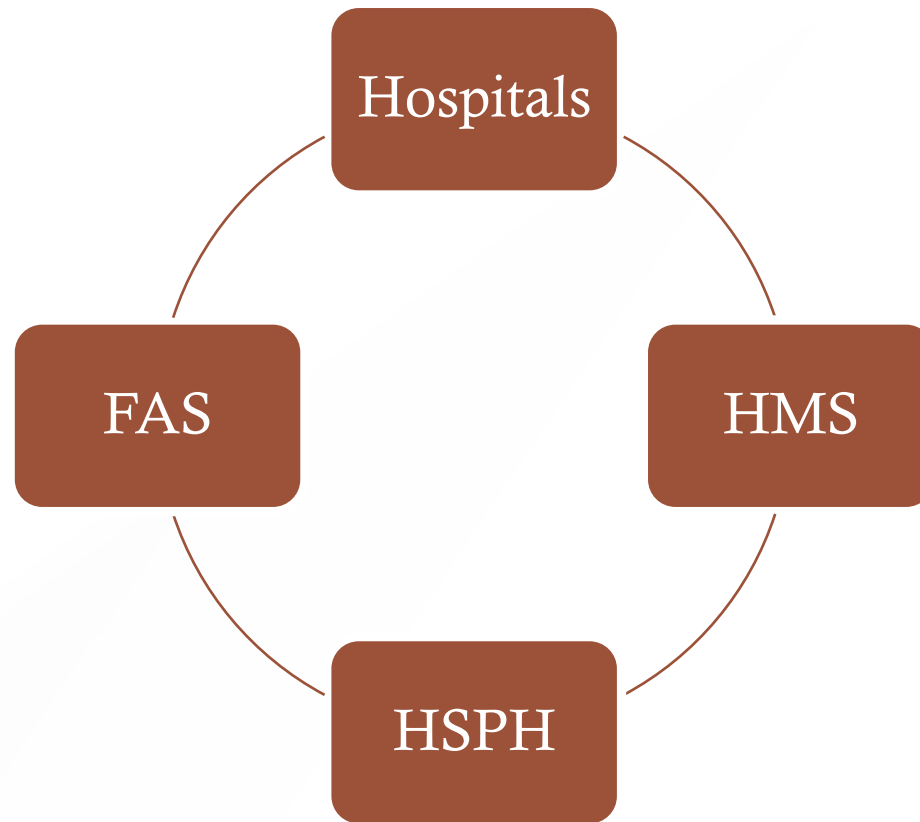
- Arthur Kleinman primary
- Jean Comaroff secondary
- Susan Greenhalgh secondary
- Laurence Ralph secondary
- Kimberly Theidon secondary

Medical Anthropology at Harvard (cont'd)

Department of Global Health and Social Medicine, Harvard Medical School

- Paul Farmer (also teaches in FAS)
- Anne Becker (also teaches in FAS)
- Salmaan Keshavjee (also teaches in FAS)
- Byron Good (also teaches in FAS)
- Mary-Jo Good (also teaches in FAS)
- Norma Ware
- Gene Buckman
- and others

Medical Anthropology at Harvard (cont'd)



Chronology at Harvard

- 1973 Kleinman teaches first course on medical anthropology in social anthropology wing of Department of Anthropology
- 1982 Kleinman initiates PhD Program in Medical Anthropology (including MD-PhDs)
- 1984-2008 NIMH Postdoctoral Fellowship Program in Clinically Applied Medical Anthropology
- 1984 Kleinman initiates single year MA

Students

- PhDs > 85 (including 17 MD-PhDs)
- MAs > 20
- Postdoctoral fellows > 200
- Undergraduates in the hundreds

Hospital-Related Activities

- Kleinman for 17 years did weekly clinical rounds at Cambridge Hospital
- Farmer Directs Division of Global Health Equity at Brigham and Women's hospital; also does clinical rounds at PIH's hospitals in Haiti, Rwanda, Malawi, and Lesotho
- Becker Directs Eating Disorder Clinic and is Professor of Psychiatry at Massachusetts General Hospital
- Keshavjee does clinical infectious disease rounds at Brigham and Women's hospital, and at PIH's clinical collaborative facilities in Lesotho, Siberia, and elsewhere

Close collaboration with an International NGO – Partners in Health

Graduates of our Programme include:

- Jim Yong Kim President of World Bank
- Paul Farmer University Professor, Harvard
- Anne Becker Presley Professor, Harvard
- Matt McGuire US Representative to World Bank
- Lawrence Cohen Professor, UC Berkeley
- Elizabeth Miller Assoc. Prof, University of Pittsburgh
- Devon Hinton Assistant Professor, Harvard Medical School
- Clara Han Assoc. Prof, Johns Hopkins
- Robert Desjarlais Professor, Sarah Lawrence
- Tom Csordas Professor, UCSD

Graduates (Cont'd)

- Janis Jenkins Professor, UCSD
- Yunxiang Yan Professor, UCLA
- Linda Hunt Professor, Michigan State
- Sarah Pinto Assoc. Prof, TUFTS
- Chris Dole Assoc. Prof, Amherst
- Erica James Professor, MIT
- Don Seeman Professor, Emory
- Sarah Willen Assistant Prof, Connecticut
- Peter Benson Assoc. Prof, Washington St Louis
- Priscilla Song Assoc. Prof, Washington St Louis

Graduates (Cont'd)

- Jing Jun Professor, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China
- Wu Fei Assoc. Prof, Peking University, Beijing, China
- Guo Jinhua Assistant Prof, Peking University, Beijing, China
- Pan Tianshu Assoc. Prof, Fudan University, Shanghai, China
- Xu Yi Feng Professor, Jiao Tong University, Shanghai, China
- Matthew Kohrman Professor, Stanford
- Angela Garcia Assistant Professor, Stanford
- Terry O'Neill Professor, Oregon

Current Courses

- Case Studies in Global Health
- Medical Humanities
- Theory in Medical Anthropology
- Local Biologies
- New Ethnographies of Social Experience
- Biography, Ethnography, the Novel, and Film: Deep Ways of Knowing the Person in the Social Context
- Deep China
- Quests for Wisdom
- Anthropology of Mental Illness

Other Activities

- Kleinman founded and edited from 1976-86: *Culture, Medicine, and Psychiatry*. Subsequent editors: Byron and Mary-Jo Good, Anne Becker, and currently Woody Gaines at Case Western University
- Friday Morning Seminar (now run by Byron and Mary-Jo Good)
- Hosting of visiting faculty and students

Other Activities

- Global Health and Advocacy Programs
- Global Mental Health
- Medical Humanities
- Human Rights and Ethics
- Eldercare in China
- Trust in Doctor-Patient Relationships (China)
- Humanitarian Assistance in Indonesia
- AIDS and TB Programs
- Values in the Professions in Asia

Field Research Areas

- China Kleinman
- Africa Farmer, Comaroff
- Haiti Farmer
- Tajikistan Keshavjee
- Siberia Keshavjee
- Fiji Becker
- Indonesia Good, B. and Good, MJ.
- Peru Farmer
- USA Kleinman, Ralph, Becker, Good, MJ.

Core Theoretical Themes

- Lived experience of illness
- Social suffering (structural violence)
- The normal and the abnormal (medicalization)
- Caregiving and moral experience
- Culture and medicine
- Social theory and global health
- Divided self
- Engaged anthropology

Core Themes

- Lived experience of symptoms and suffering
- Social suffering (including structural violence)
- Caregiving as moral experience
- Global Health (TB, HIV/AIDS, Mental Illness)
- Culture, Ethnicity, Race, and Health

Topical Areas

- Global health (TB, HIV/AIDS, Cholera)
- Implementation
- Global mental health
- Eldercare and Dementia
- Health of poor immigrants
- Trust in clinical relationships
- Stigma
- Subjectivity – Divided Self

Future Developments

- MOOCs
- Ethnographic Films
- MA in Global Health Equity
- Geoscholars
- Global mental health funding
- STS