MENTAL ILLNESS
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Friday, February 21st
1:00-3:00pm  
UC 300
Histories of Mental Illness
Moderator: Sarah Marshall (University of Memphis)
Penny Busetto (University of Cape Town)
“The Power of Medicalization: Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and Feeblemindedness”
Justin Freedman (Syracuse University)
“The Personhood and Agency of the Mentally Ill in Medieval Law”
Brandon Parlopiano
“Gender Identity Disorder and the Disciplinary Power of Gender”
Skramz Geist (Binghamton University)

3:15-4:45pm  
UC 300
Critical Assessments of the DSM-V
Moderator: Lorena De Frias (University of Memphis)
“Posttraumatic Stress Disorder: Environmental Adaptation or Harmful Dysfunction?”
D. A. Voynovich (University of Cincinnati)
“Grief’s Medicalization: Recovering the Value of Suffering”
Michael Cholbi (California State Polytechnic University, Pomona)

5:00-6:30pm  
UC 300
Keynote
“The McDonaldization of Mental Health: Science, Language, and Social Class”
David Goodman (Lesley University/Harvard Medical School)

7:00-9:00pm
Reception
Saturday, February 22nd

8:30-9:00am Breakfast

9:00-10:30am Ethical Problems of Diagnosis
Moderator: Luc Olsen (University of Memphis)
“Culturally Unbound: Scientific Psychiatry and Cross-Cultural Cognitive Diversity”
Natalia Washington (Purdue University)
“War in Psychiatric Paradigms: A Levinasian Critique of Naturalistic Models of Diagnosis”
Erik Bormanis (Ryerson University)
“Balancing Rights through Biological Measures of Mental Health”
Christopher Boom (Tulane University) & Leslie Kelley (University of New Orleans)

10:45am-12:15pm Mental Illness and Disciplinary Power
Moderator: Chris Lucibella (University of Memphis)
“The (Explanatory) Power of (Disciplinary) Power”
Alina Vaisfeld & Jonathan Chalier (New School for Social Research)
“Making Up Criminals”
Phoebe Friesen (The Graduate Center, CUNY)

12:15-1:30pm Lunch
Garibaldi’s Pizza, 3530 Walker Avenue

1:30-3:00pm Mental Illness and Responsibility
Moderator: Jonathan Wurtz (University of Memphis)
“I’m Glad It Wasn’t Me after All.’ Mental Illness and Our Sense of Agency”
Derek Jones (University of Evansville)
“Expertise and Power: Ethical and Epistemic Justifications for Patients Shaping Psychiatric Classification”
Rebecca Johnson (National Institute of Health’s Department of Bioethics)
“Shifting Power: Existential Therapy and Public Health”
Mara Collins (Kindred Southern Healing Justice Collective)

3:15-4:45pm Keynote
“Say When It Hurts: The Time of Pathology in Mental Illness”
Mary Beth Mader (University of Memphis)

6:00pm Dinner
India Palace, 1720 Poplar Avenue

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