Spring 2011 Course! CC#: 76285

PH 290: Critical Perspectives on Aging and Health

with Marty Martinson, DrPH on Tuesdays 4-6 for 2 units

Topics Include:

Poverty, racism & old age
Medical advances & the social construction of health and disease
Gender & inequity over the life course
“Positive aging” models
Anti-aging industries and societal ageism
Ethics and elders
Wisdom and aging?
Social Security, Medicare, and other aging policies – debates and dilemmas
Long term care: who is responsible?

This interdisciplinary course draws on theories in political and moral economy, gerontology, cultural studies, gender studies, ethics, and disability studies. Using these lenses of critical gerontology, we enhance our understanding of key issues that influence health inequities and diversity, aging policy, and cultural meanings of old age and healthy aging. This course welcomes graduate students from diverse fields (e.g., public health, medicine, social welfare, anthropology, optometry, psychology, nursing, gender studies, business, sociology, history, and more!) in order to build an interdisciplinary learning environment and bring the course content to life.

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What former students said about the course:

“I hope this course continues to be offered as there is nothing else like it available at Berkeley.”

“It provided fascinating concepts with application to my life and work. With our “booming” aging population, we need to be as smart as possible in this field. This is cutting-edge work that will benefit all of us as we age.”

“This course challenged me to form opinions about a subject I had never been exposed to. Marty was excellent at navigating us through these new concepts!”