Session I:
Course Introduction; War, peace and public health; Twentieth century history of human subject experimentation; Nazi medicine; contemporary ethical dilemmas; research ethics

Readings:
Donohoe MT. Health Consequences of War and Militarism (ppt. handout)
Donohoe MT. Human Subject Experimentation: WW II Nazi Germany and Japan — Lessons for Contemporary Research Ethics and The Role of the Physician in Society (ppt. handout)
The War Prayer. Mark Twain.

Session II:
Historical and Cultural Ideals of Beauty; The obesity epidemic; Drug testing and privacy issues

Readings:
Donohoe MT. Ideals of Beauty and Body Weight: History, Medicine, Policy and Ethics (ppt. handout)
Donohoe MT. Urine trouble: practical, legal, and ethical issues surrounding mandated drug testing of physicians (revision submitted to J Clin Ethics, May, 2003) (paper and ppt. handout)

Session III:
Principles of Medical Ethics; Case-based ethics - ethical issues related to conjoined twins; Public Health and Social Justice Ethics; Overview of the medical humanities; literature and public health ethics; the uses of stories; death in America - literary selections; homelessness; luxury primary care; the US health care non-system pt I.

Readings:
Donohoe MT. Court-ordered separation of conjoined twins (handout).
Garland M. Ethical thinking: Seven questions (handout)

Session IV:
The limits of the doctor-patient relationship: out of hospital diagnosis and treatment; Duty to care; Race, immigration and health care; Health issues of migrant and seasonal farm workers; Truth telling in medicine; Mandatory reporting laws: Public safety and civil liberties - alcoholics in the ER, child/partner/elder abuse; the US health care non-system Pt II.
Readings:
Donohoe MT. Out of hospital emergencies and diagnoses (handout).
Mailman DR. To respond always.
Seltzer R. The consultation.
Donohoe MT. Race, immigration and health care (handout).
Donohoe MT. Truth-telling in medicine (handout).
Donohoe MT. Mandated reporting laws for drunk drivers in the emergency room (handout).

Session V:
Causes and Health Consequences of Environmental Degradation and Social Injustice; Genetically-modified organisms – agriculture, aquaculture, biopharming

Readings:
Donohoe MT. The corporate assault on labeling laws for genetically-modified foodstuffs (submitted to Z Magazine, April, 2003).

Session VI:
Women’s Rights Issues - partner abuse and rape; teen pregnancy; international forms of subjugation (educational, political, legal and social marginalization); female genital mutilation

Readings:
Donohoe MT. Violence against women: the epidemiology, recognition, and management of partner abuse and sexual assault (accepted for Current Women’s Health Reports, to be published 2003 or 2004).
Donohoe MT. Women’s Health: Contemporary Human Rights Issues (ppt. handout).

Session VII:
The Pharmaceutical Industry; Academia-Industry Relationships, Herbal Supplements

Readings:
Donohoe MT. The Pharmaceutical Industry (ppt. handout).

Session VIII:
Student Presentations; turn in essay; wrap-up and course evaluation

Optional Readings:
Pastor Niemoller, “First they came for the Jews...”
Administrative Details:

Course open to upper level undergraduate and graduate students

3 units/30 hours

Office hours by appointment

Readings will include journal articles, book chapters and literary selections (30-45 minutes reading per hour class time) – read articles before class (but read Powerpoint slide handouts after class)

Grading:
Pass/fail or grade, based on:
Attendance and class participation — 40% (students may not miss more than 4 hours and still pass course)
Class presentation (ppt., 10 minutes talk, 5 minutes for questions) — 20%
Research paper (5-8 pages, 8-15 references) — 40%
Presentation and paper may be on same topic. Instructor will help students prepare particularly well-written papers for submission to journals/periodicals. Paper due at final session.
List of possible topics:
Child labor
Contemporary Slavery
Arguments for and against slavery reparations
Gun control
Mental health (multiple)
Impaired physicians
Health care fraud
Culturally-defined illnesses
Injury prevention - fires, helmets, etc.
Auto safety
Corporate welfare
Literacy and health care
Other countries’ health care systems - e.g., Canada, UK, Australia, Japan, Germany, Russia, etc.
Religion and health care ethics
Child and elder abuse
Prostitution
Complementary and alternative medicine
Corporal punishment
Capital punishment
Torture and human rights abuses
The AIDS crisis in sub-Saharan Africa
Vivisection
Quarantines and infectious disease
Campaign finance reform and health care
Occupational health (multiple issues); farming and health
Breast feeding - international aspects of infant nutrition
Pseudoscience and Health Quackery
Greenwash and Bluewash
Diseases in history - e.g., plague, etc.
Famous figures in the history of medicine, nursing, dentistry, and public health
History of contraception or childbirth
Malpractice
Childhood lead poisoning
Medical aspects of adoption
Sex education in the schools
Polygraph testing
Funeral rituals and attitudes toward death historically or in other cultures
Humor and medical ethics
Many others...