

**Biology and Society**  
Freshman Seminar Spring 2012  
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Thursdays: 2:00- 2:50 p.m., in H&SS 4025

**Discussion Topics & Readings**

**Jan 10 Introduction**

**Jan 17 Biological Determinism – Part 1**

Stephen Jay Gould, *The Mismeasure of Man*: pp. 51-103

American polygeny and Craniometry before Darwin : Blacks and Indians as separate, inferior species (reading the intro is optional)

**Group in charge:**

**Jan 24 Biological Determinism – Part 2**

Stephen Jay Gould, *The Mismeasure of Man*: pp. 105-141

Measuring Heads : Paul Broca and the heyday of craniology

**Group in charge:**

**Jan31 Eugenics**

TBA

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**Feb 7 Creationism**

H. Allen Orr, *Devolution: Why intelligent design isn't*. *New Yorker* May 30, 2005

**Group in charge:**

**Feb 14 Patenting Life**

TBA

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**Feb 21 Pharmaceutical Society**

TBA

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## **Feb 28 Bio-Politics**

Michael Specter, Decoding Iceland, The New Yorker, January 18th, 1999

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## **Mar 7 Stem Cells**

The Stem Cells Debate, Australian Bioethics Information

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