

Biology and Society
Freshman Seminar Winter 2014
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Thursdays: 11:00a-11:50a.m., in H&SS 6008
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Discussion Topics & Readings

Jan 9 Introduction

Jan 16 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 also the intro is recommended but optional)

Group in charge:

Jan 23 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:

Jan 30 Eugenics

TBA

Group in charge:

Feb 6 Creationism

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

Group in charge:

Feb 13 Patenting Life

TBA

Group in charge:

Feb 20 Pharmaceutical Society

TBA

Group in charge:

Feb 27 Bio-Politics

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

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Mar 6 Gender and Sport (or GMO)

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