Anthropology 801.11

*Autism Across Cultures*

Tuesday and Thursday, 2:20-3:35 pm

Professor Roy Richard Grinker

Books


Articles

TBA. Available on Blackboard.

Grades

Class Participation 25%
Response Papers 15%
Short Paper 25%
Final Paper 35%

Week 1: Introduction
January 17: No readings
January 19: Siegel, B., Introduction and Chapter 1. One page description of research interests due.

Week 2: Symptomatology
January 24: Siegel, B. Chapters 2-4.
January 26: Treffert, Darrold. “D. J. Langdon Down.”

Week 3: The Origins of Autism
January 31: Kanner, Leo. “Autistic Disturbances of Affective Contact.”
February 2: Grinker, R. *Unstrange Minds*. Introduction, Chapters 1, and 2.

Week 4: Mother Blame and Stigma
February 7: Bettelheim, Bruno. Selection from *The Empty Fortress*. 
February 9: Film: Refrigerator Mothers, Grinker, Chapters 3 and 4.

Week 5: Diagnosis and Classification
February 14: The DSM.
February 16: Grinker, Chapters 5 and 6.

Week 6: Labeling in Cross-Cultural Perspective
February 21: Siegel, Bryna, Chapter 5; Jane Murphy, “Labeling.”
February 23: Grinker, Chapter 7; Choose an article by Fombonne.

Week 7: Orthodox Jews
February 28: Balu, Y. “What does the Soul Say?”
March 2: Grinker, Chapters 8, 9, and 10; Shin, “A Korean Syndrome.”

Week 8: Korea and India
March 7: Grinker, Chapters 11, 12, 13.
March 9: Grinker, Chapter 14; “multicultural issues.” Short Paper Due.

Week 9
Spring Break

Week 10: Childhood education; Visual/spatial skills.
March 21: Grandin.
March 23: Grandin

Week 11: Late Childhood and Adulthood
March 28: Park
March 30: Park

Week 12: Anti-vaccination, environmental toxins.
April 4: Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. “Mercury.”
April 6: “The Geek Syndrome”

Week 13: Asperger syndrome
April 11: Haddon, Mark. Curious Incident…
April 13: Haddon, Mark. Curious Incident…

Week 14
April 18: Film to the announced.
April 20: Guest lecture: Lance Clawson, M.D.

Week 15
April 25: Research reports
April 27: Research reports

Final Paper due May 2 by 5:00 pm.