

Anthropology 801.11
Autism Across Cultures
Tuesday and Thursday, 2:20-3:35 pm

Professor Roy Richard Grinker

Books

Grandin, Temple. 1996. Thinking in Pictures: And Other Reports from My Life with Autism. New York: Vintage.

Grinker, Roy R. In press. Unstrange Minds: Autism in the World. New York: Basic Books.

Haddon, Mark. 2004. The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime. New York: Vintage.

Park, Clara Clairborne. 2002. Exiting Nirvana: A Daughter's Life with Autism. NY: Back Bay Books.

Siegel, Bryna. 1998. The World of the Autistic Child. Oxford: Oxford University Press

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...

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Week 14

April 18: Film to be 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.