Health Policy and Politics Research Seminar

Requirements:

Assigned readings (always), attendance (always), and participating in class conversation (free riding is not acceptable) are important part of the proceedings, and hence, your grade. Together, attendance, readings, and speaking in class will be 40% of the grade.

The other 60% of your grade will be based on written work and possibly a class presentation, of your own suggestion (requiring AB’s approval) or assigned by Professor Bridges.

Plagiarism

To avoid any misunderstanding, here is my policy on plagiarism, which applies to all written work. UCSD requires the policy be stated at the beginning of the term:

Representing the words, ideas, or concepts of another person without appropriate attribution is plagiarism. Whenever another person's written work is utilized, whether it be a single phrase or longer, quotation marks must be used and sources cited. Paraphrasing another's work, i.e., borrowing ideas or concepts and putting them into your 'own' words, must also be acknowledged.

The class will be registered with Turnitin.com. You will be given a password, and be required to submit the rough draft, and then final copy, of your written work.

Format: written assignments should be formatted in Arial 12, 1.5 space. Pages must be numbered.

An excellent guide to citations and formatting issues will be found in the Manual of Minutiae: http://weber.ucsd.edu/~proeder/ThesisA.htm Click on #3

Sudden Death Writing Errors (only a preliminary list)
Incorrect spelling or use of its, it’s, and plurals or possessives
Any appearance of as regards, in regards to, reason why, reason is because, etc. Remember, the reason IS why.

Class 1: The Size and Shape of the Health Sector
    Thomas Bodenheimer and Kevin Grumbach, Understanding Health Policy
    Chapters 1, 2, 3

Class 2: Size and Shape of the Health Sector
    Bodenheimer and Grumbach Chapters 6, 7 (pp. 67-88)
    Clark Havighurst “Starr on the Corporatization of Health Care: The Sequel” Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law Vol 29, #4-5 2004
Class 3: Size and Shape: pathologies and limits of medicine
Atul Gawande, “McAllen, Texas and the High Cost of Health Care”
The New Yorker June 1, 2009
Atul Gawande “Lower Costs and Better Care for the Neediest Patients”
The New Yorker January 24, 2011

Class 4: Size and Shape: Private Insurance, HMOs, and the Uninsured
Jacob Hacker, The Divided Welfare State, Chaps 4, 5 Selections
Kaiser Family Foundation, The Uninsured, A Primer, December 2010

Class 5: LBJ’s Welfare State: Medicare
Jonathan Oberlander, The Political Life of Medicare Chapter 2
Bruce Vladeck, “The Political Economy of Medicare” Health Affairs 18 #1

Class 6: LBJ’s Welfare State: Medicaid - Welfare Medicine to Workhorse
Lieberman, Chapter
Stevens & Stevens, Welfare Medicine in America, Chapters 4, 5, 6
Alan Weil, “Something About Medicaid” Health Affairs

Class 7: States Experiment*
OREGON: D M Fox and H M Leichter “Rationing Care in Oregon: The New Accountability” Health Affairs 10 #2 (1991)
MASSACHUSETTS: Jon Kingsdale “implementing Health Care Reform in Massachusetts:Strategic Lessons Learned” Health Affairs 28 #4 (2009)
John R Gabel et. al., “After the Mandate: Massachusetts Employers Continued to Support Health Reform as More Firms Offer Coverage” Health Affairs 27 #6 (2008)
TENNESSEE: L. Moreno & S. Hoag, “Covering the Uninsured Through TennCare: Does it Make a Difference?” Health Affairs 20 #1 (2001)
Robert Hurley “TennCare – A Failure of Politics, not Policy, a Conversation with Gordon Bonnyman” Health Affairs 25 #3 (2006)

Class 8: Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
Guest Speaker: Richard Kronick, HSS/ASPE, Deputy Asst Secretary, Health Policy

Class 9: PPACA: Supporters and Critics
Readings TBA

Class 10: Summing Up
Reread Vladeck, “Political Economy of Medicare”
Papers Due