

Clinical Trials

Cohen *Over Dose* (chapter)

Healy, *Creation of Psychopharm* (chapter)

(rec) Lakoff, "Placebo trials"

Video: PTSD trials

Guest Lecture: Nate Greenslit

Class: Village Voice on Guilt-free-pills

Class: "Politicize, not medicalize"

Write on drugs for moods

For class & online:

Hively - The Mathematics of Making Up Your Mind

Lancet article - Ecstasy and the Brain

Please read these two articles which concern clinical trials. Which of the two clot-busting drugs do you think should be used and why? Are you persuaded by the evidence presented about ecstasy and the brain -- why or why not -- what exactly is the lesson of the article? Each person should post online at least once about at least one of these articles. There are discussion forums for each section for each article on server.

If you are designated as online facilitator this week (if you signed up), you must post a considered response within four days on at least one topic. Everyone else must post at least once within six days. A good response takes up and develops or critiques previous postings. No name calling.

For section:

Creation of Psychopharmacology, ch. 8.

Over Dose, at least ch. 1 and 9 (2 & 14 are recommended)

Each of these sections concerns clinical trials, their history and political economy, and how they affect us. Find at least one thesis made by each author that you find very persuasive. Discuss how it is argued for, the evidence used, and at least one good counter-argument. Then state a solid response to the counter-argument.