The Determinants of Health and Disease

Omran’s Model and the Subtleties of Health Disparities
- North-south, urban rural, white-nonwhite differential
- India: extreme internal heterogeneity

Histories of Health Disparities
- Pre-Columbian America: urban vs. coastal, social hierarchies
- Virgin Soil Epidemics: mortality varied from population to population
- Health of Colonists: urban vs. rural, north vs. south
- Health and Environment: white-black-Indian differentials
- Urbanization: immigration, poverty, and ill-health
- Tuberculosis: rich vs. poor
- Epidemiological Transitions: developed vs. developing countries

Disparities in 2005
- White-Indian
- White-Black
- Rich-poor: the politics of data collection in the US

Cause of Disparities
- Race?
- Education
- SES
- Health behaviors
- Wilkinson: ill-health and relative disparity
- Marmot: ill-health and social hierarchies
- Social capital, social control

Implications for Health Policy
- If not redistribution of wealth, then what?