

Spring 2017

HIST 585-01P: Special Topics in History:

(cross-listed with ENVS 585-03P)

Topic: Metro, Migration & Mosquitoes (OPUS title)

Metropolis, Migration and Mosquitoes: The Case of Sao Paulo, Brazil (complete course title)

Instructor	Day(s)	Time(s)	Maximum Enrollment
Kitron & Lesser	M	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	10

Semester Description:

What is the relationship between cultural attitudes, exposure to infectious diseases, and access to health care? This course analyzes disease patterns within a historical perspective. By focusing on the Bom Retiro neighborhood of Sao Paulo, where questions of class, race and gender have led to historically different incidences of, and responses to, diseases, the course will analyze how “health” has been understood over time by both the populations and providers using diverse and new methodologies.

This course will have three parts:

1. Part I will focus on teaching students about the biomedical history of São Paulo in the 20th century. In this section we will invite guest lecturers from a range of areas, including RSPH, History, and the Department of Spanish and Portuguese
2. In Part II will build on our research project focusing on historicizing health outcomes in the São Paulo neighborhood of Bom Retiro. Our goal will be to train students to conduct basic research using the techniques of ethnographic epidemiology, archival research, and representational analysis. For students competent in Portuguese, Prof. Ana Teixeira will lead a one-credit language add on course focused on how to conduct research on the street and in formal archival settings.
3. Emory students with appropriate levels of Portuguese, will be invited to join Profs. Lesser and Kitron as part of their research team in Brazil during the summer of 2017.

Required Textbooks, Articles, and Resources:

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