

# HSOC NEWSLETTER



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## Reminder: Free Lunch with your Favorite HSOC Professor this Month!

This November, the HSOC Student Advisory Board is continuing the student-faculty lunch series at the **University Club** at the Inn at Penn where a few Health and Societies students can meet with some of their favorite professors outside of the classroom at no cost to the students or faculty.

Spaces are limited and filling fast! Please RSVP to [hsocsab@gmail.com](mailto:hsocsab@gmail.com) to reserve a free lunch spot with one of these professors. If you are currently enrolled in one of these professors' courses, please note which course you are taking.

## Schedule:

Prof. Sam Preston \*  
Thursday Nov. 6, 12-1 pm

Prof. Robert Aronowitz \*  
Monday Nov.10, 12-1 pm

Prof. Susan Lindee  
Wednesday Nov. 12, 1-2 pm

Prof. Jason Schnittker  
Thursday Nov. 20, 12-1 pm

Prof. Steven Feierman  
Tuesday Nov. 25, 12-1 pm

\*Spots Filled

## HSOC Speaker Event: Trish Riley

Maine's Dirigo Health Reform – Can States be the Laboratories for National Action?

The Health and Societies Student Advisory Board invites students to join a small group conversation with Ms. Trish Riley, who serves as Director of Governor Baldacci's Office of Health Policy and Finance leading his effort to develop a comprehensive, coordinated health system in Maine and to assure affordable health insurance for all Maine citizens. She was the principal architect of Dirigo Health Reform. In April 2005, Ms. Riley was voted one of the USA's top 25 women in healthcare by Modern Healthcare magazine. In this conversation, she will speak about Maine's efforts in health care reform and the issues of politics (including federalism) and health care reform in general.

This conversation will be in an informal setting and a great opportunity to interact with a prominent professional in the area of health care. Food and drinks will be provided. If you are interested in joining us, please send an email to [hsocsab@gmail.com](mailto:hsocsab@gmail.com) by **Thursday, Nov. 6th** with your RSVP.

**Friday, November 7**

**11:00-11:45AM**

**Colonial Penn Center Auditorium, 3619 Locust Walk**

\*Sponsored the Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics (LDI)

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Questions?

Email us: [hsocsab@gmail.com](mailto:hsocsab@gmail.com)

## Thinking about a Senior Thesis?

Attention Juniors! If you are thinking of writing a senior thesis, please begin thinking about it now in terms of a topic and a plan. At this stage things can be pretty general, but you should think about what you might work on and who you would like to work with on a project. Be aware that you will need to register for [HSOC 420](#) for the Spring. Please contact us or [Dr. Greene](#) if you have any questions!

## HSOC Majors Brunch

Join the HSOC Student Advisory Board for free brunch on

**Sunday, Nov. 9th  
11 AM- 1PM**  
McClelland Hall in the Quad

Come ask questions or just mingle with other majors.

## Congratulations to our New Board Members

Alix Pruzansky '10  
Amanda Nelson '10  
Anup Das '10  
Sarah Ladley '10

## HSOC Spring 2009 Course Listing

The Health and Societies Student Advisory board brings you the Spring course listing. We've broken them down into useful areas of interest to guide you through the selection process. Advanced Registration is Nov. 3-16.

Course Descriptions and Syllabi can be found at: <http://hss.sas.upenn.edu/mt-static/courses.php>

### Core Courses:

HSOC 010: Health and Societies with K. Bream  
HSOC 420: Research Seminar in Health and Societies with B. Linker

### Science and Technology

HSOC 003: Technology and Society with J. Tresch  
HSOC 212: Science, Technology, and Warfare with G. Fitzgerald  
HSOC 051: Ethics, Technology and the Life Sciences with J. Moreno **\*NEW\***  
HSOC 454: Military and Medicine with D. Caruso **\*NEW\***

### Arts and Health

HSOC 095: Music and Medicine with S. Breene **\*NEW\***  
HSOC 148: Medicine and Literature in Film, 1850-Present with L. Wahlert  
HSOC 110: Science and Literature with M. Adams

### ABCS Courses

HSOC 335: Healthy Schools: Community-Based Participatory Research, Planning and Action with M. Summers  
HSOC 359: Nutritional Anthropology with F. Johnston  
HSOC 407: Urban Environments: Prevention of Tobacco Smoking in Adolescents with M. Kulik

### Capstone Courses

HSOC 407: Urban Environments: Prevention of Tobacco Smoking in Adolescents with M. Kulik  
HSOC 412: Traditional Medicine in South Asia with Sharma  
HSOC 441: Cross-Cultural Approaches to Health and Illness with F. Barg  
HSOC 454: Military and Medicine with D. Caruso **\*NEW\***

### More Great HSOC Courses

HSOC 232: Social Epidemiology with C. Cannuscio **\*NEW\***  
HSOC 242: Science of Sex and Sexuality with S. Miller  
HSOC 338: "Sweet Little Old Ladies and Sandwiched Daughters": Social Issues and Images in our Aging Society with S. Kagan  
HSOC 353: Greek and Roman Medicine with R. Rosen  
HSOC 339: "Aging, Beauty, and Sexuality": Psychological Gerontology in the 21st Century with S. Kagan