

New medical anthropology blogs

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A couple of new medical anthropology blogs have been launched recently.



The SMA has started up [“Voices from Medical Anthropology”](#) — which aims to foster discussions on disciplinary self-definition. In a recent post, SMA president Carolyn Sargent asks [“Who are we in the public imagination?”](#) and asks readers to comment on how they explain their work to non-anthropologists. Additionally, she [writes](#), “I hope that on this blog we can exchange thoughts about “what is at the core of medical anthropology?”



Another recently launched site is [“Access Denied: A Conversation on Unauthorized Im/migration and Health,”](#) the self-described aim of which is to “stimulate dialogue about a vital global health challenge: unauthorized migrants’ and immigrants’ lack of access to health care services.” In their introduction to the blog, the contributors write:

“This collaborative blog grew out of a “Take a Stand” initiative from the [Critical Anthropology of Global Health](#) interest group of the [Society for](#)

[Medical Anthropology](#). It is part of a broader effort within anthropology to make our research relevant beyond the academy and contribute to public policy conversations. We encourage you to read and comment on the [position paper](#) produced by this group that talks about the complex problem of unauthorized im/migration and health and suggests how more anthropologists might get involved. Though this effort was initiated by a group of anthropologists, we hope that the blog itself will engage academics from other disciplines as well as public health practitioners, activists, policymakers, and interested members of the community,” ([Access Denied 2009](#)).

The posts so far have been very substantive and impressive. [Sarah Willen](#) (Southern Methodist University) has written several in-depth “[news round-ups](#)”—which are really news analyses. [Didier Fassin](#) contributes a piece titled “[Illegal Immigrants as the Last Frontier of Welfare](#),” and [Peter Guarnaccia](#) has written an opinion piece: “[Health Care Reform Is Intimately Linked to Immigration Reform](#).” Additionally, the site includes several pages of resources on issues of migration and health: an extensive [working bibliography](#), a [list of web resources](#), and even a set of suggested “[action steps](#)” for those interested in fostering public discussion of these issues. Overall, it’s a really impressive and focused site, very much worth a visit.

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