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2012 in review

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As 2012 draws to a close, we'd like to thank all of our editors, regular contributors and guests for their hard work on Somatosphere. We had a great year, and without all of your contributions, it wouldn't have been possible. This year saw the launch of [Transcriptions](#), a forum on HIV/AIDS, global health and the social sciences edited by Thomas Cousins and Lindsey Reynolds and hosted by Somatosphere. We also saw excellent contributions in all of our other sections, features, [book reviews](#) (edited by Todd Meyers), [In the Journals](#) (edited by Aaron Seaman) and [Web Roundups](#) (edited by Branwyn Poleykett). You can find all of these posts listed below, organized by section.

In 2013 – the 5th year for the site – we'll have many new features, interviews and book reviews. Please visit us often and contact us at admin AT somatosphere DOT net if you are interested in getting involved.

Features, thoughts and research reports

- Kalman Applbaum, [Clean Pharma Crusader: Senator Chuck Grassley's Enigmatic Campaign to Combat Rising Healthcare Costs](#)
- Mary Jean Hande, [From Narrowed Veins to Liberation: An Anthropological Analysis of the Canadian Liberation Therapy Movement](#)
- Jeff Snodgrass, [Toward a Neuroanthropology of Immersive Online Gaming and Cyberdependence](#)
- Elizabeth King, [Social Vulnerability, Health Behaviors, and Political Responsibility: HIV Testing and Treatment for Female Sex Workers in St. Petersburg, Russia](#)
- Constance Cummings, [DSM-5: Plus ça change...](#)
- Thomas Cousins, [Release of Report on "HIV and the Law" by the Global Commission on HIV and the Law](#) (cross-posted on Transcriptions)
- Doerte Bemme and Nicole D'souza, [Global Mental Health and Its Discontents](#)
- Silvia Camporesi, [Caster Semenya and Athletic Excellence: A](#)

[Critique of Olympic Sex-Testing](#)

- Kimberly Sue, [Are IRBs a Stumbling Block for Engaged Anthropology?](#)
- Nev Jones, [Agency, Biogenetic Discourse and Psychiatric Disorder](#)
- Ita Irizarry, [We're Not the Enemy!: Mending Fences Between Researchers and the IRB](#) (Response to Kimberly Sue, [Are IRBs a Stumbling Block for Engaged Anthropology?](#))
- Anthony Stavrianakis and Gaymon Bennett, [On Concept Work](#)
- Nick Shapiro, [On Collaborating with Journalists](#)
- Tazin Karim, [Meducating Our Children: The Moral Influence of Adderall on Education, Parenting, and Treatment](#)
- Sadeq Rahimi, [Subjectivity at the Intersection of Metaphoric and Metonymic Functions](#)

Kalman Applbaum's Risperdal on Trial series

- [Risperdal on Trial, Texas Style](#) (January 11, 2012)
- [The Risperdal Trial in Texas, Continued: Establishing not just facts, but the yardstick by which facts are to be measured, and other matters](#) (January 12, 2012)
- [A Matter of Trust: Clinical Trial Evidence vs. Physicians' Judgment in the Courtroom](#) (January 13, 2012)
- [The Banality of Corporate Corruption: Janssen's Reimbursement Department on the Stand](#) (January 15, 2012)
- [Lucre and the Law: A Money Narrative of Who Stands to Gain from Suing a Pharmaceutical Company](#) (January 17, 2012)

Book Reviews

- Claire Wendland, [A Heart for the Work: Journeys through an African Medical School](#); Reviewed by Liese Pruitt
- Maurice Godelier, [The Metamorphoses of Kinship](#); Reviewed by Leo Coleman
- Sarah D. Phillips, [Disability and Mobile Citizenship in Postsocialist Ukraine](#); Reviewed by Jessica Robbins
- Georges Canguilhem, [Writings on Medicine](#) (translated and with an introduction by Stefanos Geroulanos and Todd Meyers); Book announcement by Eugene Raikhel
- P. Sean Brotherton, [Revolutionary Medicine: Health and the Body in Post-Soviet Cuba](#); Reviewed by Amy Cooper
- Pamela E. Klassen, [Spirits of Protestantism: Medicine, Healing, and Liberal Christianity](#); Reviewed by Wilson Will

- E. Summerson Carr, [Scripting Addiction: The Politics of Therapeutic Talk and American Sobriety](#); Reviewed by Jennifer Carroll

Transcriptions

In April, Thomas Cousins and Lindsey Reynolds [launched Transcriptions](#), a collaborative online forum on the intersections of HIV/AIDS, global health, and the social sciences. Transcriptions provides a forum for recent journal publications ([In the Journals](#)), news from around the web and in print ([Broadsheets](#)), book reviews ([On the Shelves](#)), interviews with scholars ([Dialogues](#)), announcements regarding conferences, calls for papers, seminars, and other relevant events ([Announcements](#)). In addition to offering analyses of [emerging issues](#), Transcriptions also hosts a number of series, including: [Methodologies](#), [Keywords](#), [Infected Affects](#), [History and HIV](#), and [Social Dynamics of Biomedical Prevention](#).

Transcriptions – In the Journals (Thomas Cousins)

- [May](#)
- July [Part I](#) and [Part II](#)

Transcriptions – Broadsheets (Abigail Baim Lance)

- [May](#)
- [June](#)
- [Run-Up to the 2012 AIDS Conference](#) (July 22-27, Washington D.C.)
- [After AIDS 2012: Tracking AIDS Conference 2012](#)
- [November](#)

Transcriptions – Methodologies

- Sarah Bernays, [Uncomfortable Research: Expectations and Experiences in Examinations of HIV/AIDS and 'Hope' in Serbia](#)

Transcriptions – Keywords

- Judy Auerbach, [On "Activism"](#)
- Steve Robins, [From Saving Lives to Cutting Costs? Challenges for a New Era for Activism](#)

Transcriptions – Infected Affects

- Hans Huang, [HIV Testing, Neoliberal Governance and the New Moral Regime of Gay Health in Taiwan](#)
- Tsitsi Masvawure, [“Abstinence doesn’t work, so use condoms”:
Critical responses to Christian youth sexualities and HIV prevention in Africa](#)

Transcriptions – Social Dynamics of Biomedical Prevention

- Marsha Rosengarten, [PrEP: Time to Rethink Prevention, Effectiveness, and Ethics?](#)
- Agata Pacho, [Treatment as Prevention: Recognizing the Creative Potential of Antiretroviral Medications](#)

Transcriptions – Features

- Samuel Friedman, [Recently-Funded Transdisciplinary Integrated HIV Prevention Project: Overview and Challenges](#)

For more information on contributors to Transcriptions, go [here](#); for more information on submissions, go [here](#).

Conference Reports

- Tazin Karim, [Medical Imaginaries and Technological Futures: Transformations of Subjectivities in Biomedicine](#) – Report of the activities of the Science, Technology and Medicine Interest Group at the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Society for the Social Studies of Science
- Constance Cummings, [Report from the Annual Meeting of One Mind for Research Campaign: Curing Brain Disease](#)
- Jennifer Carroll, Ann Dill, Jonathan Stillo, and Hubert Wierciński, [Reports from the Second Annual Health in Transition Conference](#)
- Matthew Schneider, [Report from the Conference on Structural Competency held at NYU’s Department of Social and Cultural Analysis on March 23, 2012](#)
- Constantin Tranulis, [Report from the 8th International Conference on Early Psychosis](#)

Lectures – Video and Audio

- [Didier Fassin, “On Resentment and Ressentiment”](#) – Roger Allan Moore Lecture delivered on February 3, 2012 at the Department of

Global Health and Social Medicine, Harvard Medical School

- [Ian Hacking, "The New Me: What Biotechnology may do to Personal Identity"](#) – Derry Interdisciplinary Lecture delivered on October 24, 2011 at Huron University College
- [Plenary sessions](#) (on genetic/reproductive technologies and social issues) of the 2010 and 2011 Tarrytown Meetings.
- [Tanya Luhrmann, "Hearing Voices in Accra and Chennai: How Culture Makes a Difference to Psychiatric Experience"](#) – lecture delivered at the interdisciplinary conference on Culture, Mind and Brain: Emerging Concepts, Methods, and Applications
- [Laurence Kirmayer, "Revisioning Psychiatry: Cultural Phenomenology, Critical Neuroscience, and Global Mental Health"](#) – talk given at the Comparative Human Development Department, University of Chicago
- [Global mental health videos](#) – hosted by McGill University's Division of Transcultural Psychiatry

In the Journals

- [January](#) (Amy Cooper)
- March [Part I](#) (Melanie Boeckmann) and [Part II](#) (Klaartje Klaver)
- [April](#) (Aaron Seaman)
- [May](#) (Lara Braff)
- July [Part I](#) and [Part II](#) (Melanie Boeckmann)
- [August](#) (Aaron Seaman)
- September [Part I](#) (Melanie Boeckmann) and [Part II](#) (Aaron Seaman)
- October [Part I](#) (Lara Braff) and [Part II](#) (Aaron Seaman)

Special Journal Issues

- ["Reinvigorating Dialogue between Phenomenological and Psychoanalytic Anthropologies": a special issue of *Ethos*](#) (Eugene Raikhel)
- ["The Anthropology of Pharmaceuticals: Cultural and Pharmacological Efficacies in Context": a special section of *Culture, Medicine & Psychiatry*](#) (Eugene Raikhel)
- ["Rethinking Cultural Competence": a special issue of *Transcultural Psychiatry*](#) (Aaron Seaman)
- ["Ethnographies of Suicide": a special issue of *Culture, Medicine & Psychiatry*](#) (Aaron Seaman)
- ["Emotions, Health, and Well-Being": a special virtual issue of](#)

- [Social History of Medicine](#) (Aaron Seaman)
- [“Irrational Reproduction: New Intersections of Politics, Gender, Race, and Class Across the North-South Divide”](#): a special issue of *Anthropology & Medicine* (Aaron Seaman)
- [“Medicine, Bodies, Politics, Experimentation and Emergence”](#): a special issue of *Body & Society* (Aaron Seaman)
- [“Communities and Global Mental Health”](#): a special section of *Transcultural Psychiatry* (Eugene Raikhel)

Web-Roundups

- [January](#) (Branwyn Poleykett) *Cosmetic surgery, securitization of scientific data*
- [June](#) (Cassandra Hartblay) *Dr. Jim Yong Kim at the World Bank and Dr. Robert Spitzer’s revocation*
- [July and August Mega Roundup](#) (Eugene Raikhel and Judith Mazdra) *the Aurora shootings, the Olympics, Michel-Rolph Trouillot, Jonah Lehrer, mental health, health care, and much, much more...*
- [October](#) (Melanie Boeckmann) *Big Data, and the Encyclopedia of DNA Elements (ENCODE)*
- [November](#) (Cassandra Hartblay) *Hurricane Sandy relief and Marijuana Legalization*
- [December](#) (Branwyn Poleykett) *Global disease burden*

Teaching Resources

- [Resources for Teaching Medical Anthropology](#) (Eugene Raikhel)

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