**Theology and Medicine: At the Spirit-Body Interface**

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June 7-11 Yale Divinity School Summer Study

Optional suggested advance reading: Victoria Sweet, *God’s Hotel: A Doctor, A Hospital, and a Pilgrimage to the Heart of Modern Medicine*

**Monday June 7** How Does the Healing Happen?

For Tuesday “homework”: watch the Victoria Sweet video

“The Efficiency of Inefficiency” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VA08kzp7tSg>

**Tuesday June 8** Treating Pain and Healing Suffering

For Wednesday “homework”: write one paragraph on the interaction with the medical world (or the lack of interaction) that was most significant for you as an individual (not for society more generally) over the time of the pandemic

Optional reading: Frank Snowden, “Chapter Three” from *Epidemics and Society: From the Black Death to the Present*

**Wednesday June 9**  Our Pandemic and Others

For Thursday “homework”: read the Tyler Vander Weele et. al. article

“Association of Religious Service Attendance with Mortality Among Women,” *Journal of the American Medical Association*

**Thursday June 10** What Kind of Religion is Good for Your Health?

For Friday “homework:” watch BBC video on Henrietta Lacks <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pgB1IqGp8BE>

**Friday June 11** Medicine Meets Theology: Two Cases

Other assigned content from our regular course that may be of interest to you for further reflection:

Atul Gawande, *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End*

Lydia Dugdale, *The Lost Art of Dying*

Rebecca Skloot, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*

Gary B. Ferngren and Ekaterina N. Lomperis, *Essential Readings in Medicine and Religion*

Sarah Coakley ed., *Pain and Its Transformations: The Interface of Biology and Culture*

*Angels in America*, the movie with Al Pacino, Meryl Streep, etc.