Biology and Society
Freshman Seminar  Spring 2012
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Thursdays: 2:00- 2:50 p.m., in H&SS 4025

Discussion Topics & Readings

Jan 10  Introduction

Jan 17  Biological Determinism – Part 1
American polygeny and Craniometry before Darwin: Blacks and Indians as separate, inferior species (reading the intro is optional)

Group in charge:

Jan 24  Biological Determinism – Part 2
Measuring Heads: Paul Broca and the heyday of craniology

Group in charge:

Jan31  Eugenics
TBA

Group in charge:

Feb 7  Creationism

Group in charge:

Feb 14  Patenting Life
TBA

Group in charge:

Feb 21  Pharmaceutical Society
TBA

Group in charge:
Feb 28  Bio-Politics
Michael Specter, Decoding Iceland, The New Yorker, January 18th, 1999

Group in charge:

Mar 7  Stem Cells
The Stem Cells Debate, Australian Bioethics Information

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