



## **Fall 2018 Course**

### **Urban Studies 231 (01, 51349) – Cities & Medicine**

**Day/Time:** Friday – 9:10 – 12:00 PM

**Building/Room:** Powdermaker Hall 115

**Instructor:** Alice Sardell

**Course Description:** Social medicine” is knowledge about how economic, social, environmental and political systems shape the health of individuals and communities. This knowledge, as well as an understanding of racial, economic, language and cultural barriers to health care helps to explain ethnic and class disparities in health status. The first part of this course will examine these relationships; we will discuss the specific cases of diet, food systems and health and the rising levels of opioid addiction in the US.

In the second part of the course we will examine public policies that seek to reduce disparities in health status, including the role of community mobilization around these issues. We will focus on both health disparities and programs to reduce them within the New York City metropolitan area.

Course requirements include exams and an 8-10 page paper.

We will use the opportunity of a once a week three hour course to take field trips and hear speakers from community-based health programs and agencies.

For questions about this course, contact Professor Alice Sardell at [alice.sardell@qc.cuny.edu](mailto:alice.sardell@qc.cuny.edu)