



SPRING 2025 (1251)

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COURSE TIME AND LOCATION: Fridays, 8:30 - 12:20; SFU BURNABY

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An extensive feminist literature exists on an “ethics of care” as distinct from paradigms of justice. In these works, a relational sensibility that valorizes our interdependency with and responsibility towards particular others is contrasted with abstract concepts of legal justice and individual rights. Within Marxist materialist theories of social reproduction, care is also a form of necessary labor. Disability studies philosopher and theorist, Eva Feder Kittay distinguishes between care as labor and care as an attitude, “as labor it is the work of maintaining others and ourselves when we are in a condition of need. As an attitude, caring denotes a positive affective bond and investment in another’s wellbeing... the labor unaccompanied by the attitude will not be good care” (52).

This class explores the entanglements of care as a technology of the state, as a labor associated with the necessities of life, and as a qualitative attitude or mode of address, with special emphasis on medicine and healthcare settings as a place where these different registers converge.



All assigned texts and films will be available online either as pdfs on Canvas or through SFU library.



Attendance and Participation: 25%

Reading and Film Responses: 25%

Midterm Essay: 25%

Final Project: 25%



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Prerequisite: 30 units including three units in GSWS or WS or GDST.

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