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What:

Conversations on
health and inequality

When:

AAA 2007 Annual
Meeting, Wed. Nov 28-
Sun. Dec. 2

Where:

Marriott Wardman
Park Hotel, Washington
D.C.

On the Web:

[http://www.aaanet.org/
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Is Inequality Making Us Sick? Anthropologists Explore US & Global Health Issues

The AAA will host a sneak peek screening of "Sick of It" the one-hour opening episode from the seven-part documentary film "Unnatural Causes: Is Inequality Making Us Sick," produced by California Newsreel for DVD release and winter 2008 PBS broadcast. The film explores the root causes of our alarming socio-economic and racial/ethnic disparities in health—and searches for solutions. As the show suggests, answers lie not in more pills but in more equality.

The screening will be shown on Saturday, December 1 from 10:15-Noon. The film will be introduced by Larry Adelman, series creator and executive producer, and followed by an open discussion.

"Sick of It" will be shown as part of the AAA 2007 Annual Meeting at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington DC, November 28-December 2. Other health-related sessions at the AAA Annual Meeting include panel discussions on disease transmission and prevention, medicine and ethics, HIV, malaria control, reproductive and infant health and global health policies. See info on select sessions below:

- **Scientific Authority and Social Inequalities: Critical Engagements with Public Health and Biomedicine:** *Wednesday, November 28, 2:00 – 3:45 p.m., Maryland B.* Participants will discuss the impact of cultural conversations on race and gender on biomedical research. Papers address maternal health in Native American and African American communities, a controversy regarding the cancellation of an HIV/AIDS clinical trial in Cambodia and the marginalization of older men with osteoporosis.
- **Immigration and Health Disparities: Case Studies of Survival and Resilience:** *Wednesday, November 28, 4:00– 5:45 p.m., Wilson B.* This panel will explore the complexities of immigrants and traffickees seeking health care in the United States. Discussion will focus on the circumstances that shape immigrant health risks and the social strategies they pursue to confront debilitating health conditions with scarce healthcare resources.
- **Techniques of Self: The Body, Violence and Biopolitics in WHO Millennium Development Goals in Maternal and Child Health and HIV/AIDS:** *Thursday, November 29, 8:00 - 9:45 a.m., Wilson A.* Discussants will report successes and failures of WHO development goal mandates as they explore cross-cultural models for medical initiatives geared toward reproductive health, childbirth practices, and HIV/AIDS prevention.
- **The Rhetoric and Reality of Malaria Control Policies: Ethnographic Case Studies From the Field:** *Friday, November 30, 4:00 – 5:45 p.m., Park Tower Suite 8228.* After years of neglect, malaria has regained a top place in the global health agenda. The launch of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria in 2001 swayed other donors such as the Gates Foundation to join the struggle against neglected infectious diseases which disproportionately afflict the world's poor. Panelists will present ethnographically grounded cases from Africa and Southeast Asia.

For more information, or to attend the AAA Annual Meeting please contact Jennifer Steffensen at 703-528-1902 ext. 3039 or jsteffensen@aaanet.org.

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