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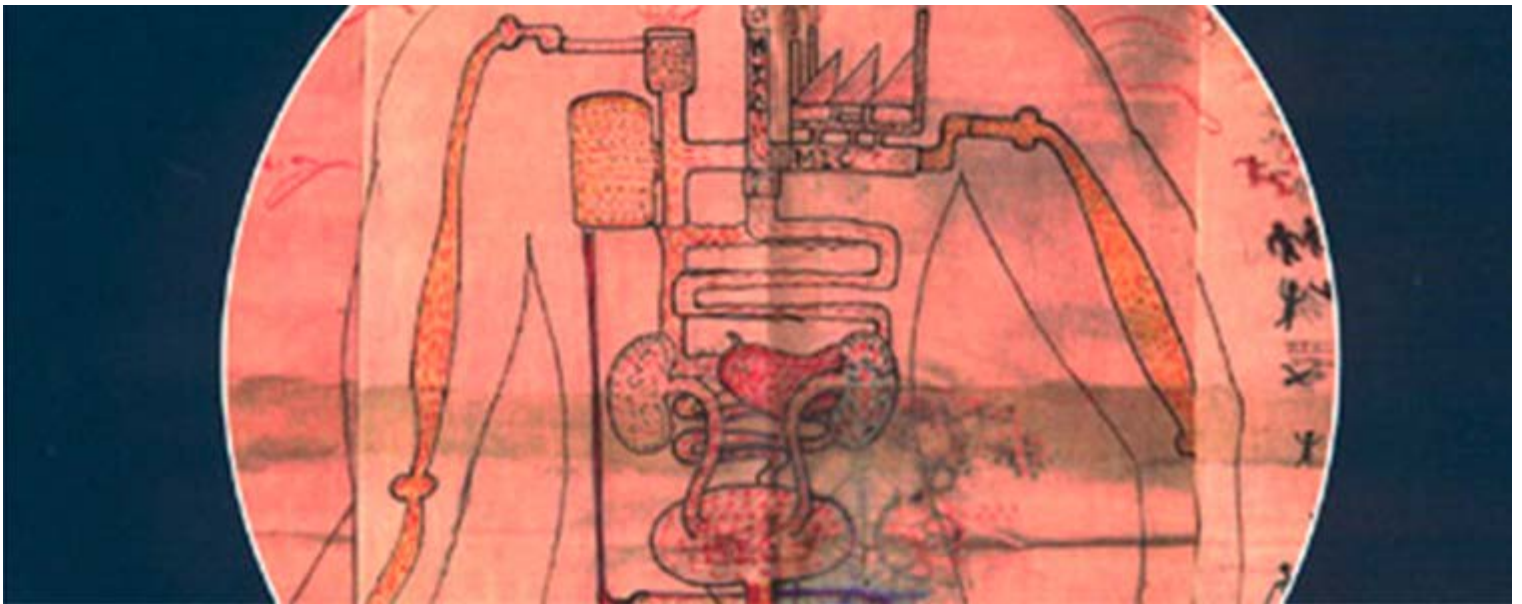


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MSTS students investigate how science, technology and medicine develop in different contexts, shape people's lives, and are addressed in media, law and politics. They study the cultural dimensions of scientific research, digital technologies and data, and environmental problems. They also study how health is understood and cared for in settings around the world, how technologies (including drugs, smartphones and prosthetics) are used in health care, and how scientific developments move "from bench to bedside." Students learn to identify and characterize diverse stakeholders in science, technology and medicine, different ways of recognizing and solving associated problems, and impacts on social well-being and inequality.

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- Recognize the matrix of factors (economic, technical, biophysical, cultural, etc.) that shape societal problems as well as the factors that constrain their solutions
- Recognize factors contributing to health inequalities and vulnerability
- Study and compare health care systems in different settings
- Analyze the role of technology in shaping social beliefs and practices
- Cultivate global perspective and understanding of cultural differences
- Creatively access, interpret, and apply research resources, working collaboratively with researchers from other disciplines
- Apply social science knowledge to real-world challenges
- Analyze and formulate ethical ideas and policy positions to support health equality
- Value and facilitate knowledge pluralism



UCI anthropologist Tom Boellstorff, author of *Coming of Age in Second Life: An Anthropologist Explores the Virtually Human*, depicted as his Second Life avatar,

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- How religion shapes understandings of health and health care
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- How social media is shaping health behavior
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- Different understandings of research and medical ethics
- How people use and think about reproductive technologies
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- How the World Health Organization has changed over time
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