

Just Doctoring: How to Promote Health in an Unfair World

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Social Justice & Service in Medicine

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My baby...



Outline

- Introduction
- Justice defined
- Building a “Habit of Engagement”

Her baby...



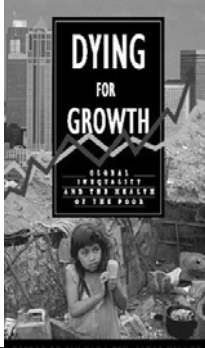
Consider the source

- MD
- MPH
- Currently getting a PhD in economics
- Mom

What I have seen by the privilege of being a doctor changed me



What I read during medical school changed me



Who I met as a medical student changed me

- Peers
- Paul Farmer = Peter Pan
- Activist-Patients
- Gogos who won't give up

Structural Adjustment Programs

- SAPs
 - Liberalization
 - Privatization
 - Deregulation
 - Austerity Measures (aka slashing Health/Education Budgets)

Justice

- Ancient Greeks
- John Locke
- John Stuart Mill
- John Rawls & Jesus

The only 24 hour business in Rural Swaziland...



Expanding View of Health

- Poverty is at the root of so much pathology
- Medicine is the language of disease
- Economics is the language of poverty
- Learning the language of economics has been *painful*

Justice as a Function

- Justice is a Function
- $Y = f(x)$
 - Y is the output from putting x into function f
- $P = j(h)$
 - Justice is the function/action that puts the range of humanity into the domain of justice

How to promote justice *NOW*

- What does it mean to form a HABIT OF ENGAGEMENT?

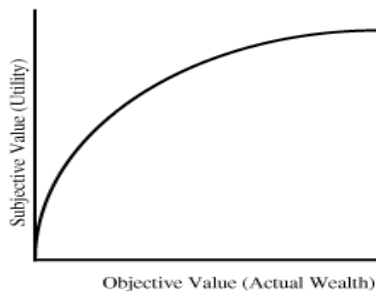
MLK and Justice

- The Moral Arc of the Universe Bends Towards Justice.
 - Martin Luther King Jr

Habit of Engagement

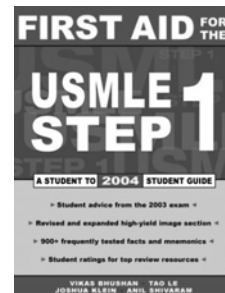
- Join groups that promote social justice (AMSA, PHR, Jubilee, Amnesty, many more!)
- Community health clinics
- Mentoring kids in science
- Schweitzer Fellowships
- Immersion Trips
- Anything that speaks to your soul

What does the arc look like?



How to promote justice *NOW*

Studying for Step 1



How to promote justice in the future

- Put your moral yardstick in a titanium **lockbox** where surgical clerkships and med school debt can't get to it!!!
- When you get to wherever you are going, don't forget **what you have seen, who you have met** and the higher purpose this is all for...

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- Questions about
 - Global Health
 - Global Health Equity Residency
 - MPH
 - Economics
 - The joys of an epidural
 - Anything else