

UTSC Health Humanities Academic Journal Club

What is an Academic Journal Club?

The purpose of an academic journal club is to facilitate analysis of a specific research paper (or other literature) to discuss its content and suggestions for further study.¹ It is also an educational meeting where a group of people discuss up-to-date articles, providing a collegial space for learning about, and keeping up with, current debates in the field.

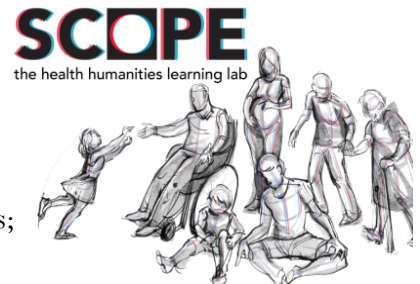
Overview & Club Mandate

The purpose of our journal club is to:

- Discuss relevant literature in **Health Humanities**, including significant, current, and/or popular academic or creative work that helps us critically engage with relevant critical/methodological approaches;
- Consider gaps present in Health Humanities as a research field and address them to further the discipline;
- Provide informal space for listening, exchange of information, opinions and making contributions;
- Promote and advocate for Health Humanities at UTSC.

Expectations for Members

- Regularly attend scheduled monthly meetings;
- Read the specified critical or creative piece of literature before meeting;
- Engage with the topic of discussion and the literature, and participate during meetings;
- Participate in online feedback surveys after each meeting (or as needed);
- Communication via Facebook group (UTSC SCOPE Health Humanities Academic Journal Club) and email.



What should you expect to gain?

- Valuable skills such as critical thinking, public speaking, problem solving, leadership;
- Staying up to date and deconstructing and discussing Health Humanities literature;
- Platform for advocating for and advancing Health Humanities at the undergraduate level;
- Recognition of participation on Co-Curricular Record (work in progress).

Moving Forward

- Holding meetings monthly or bi-weekly, depending on members' availability;
- Taking turns in leading and facilitating discussions (everyone is expected to do so throughout the year);
- Workshop on critical analysis and research skills by Library Liaison Sarah Guay;
- CCR (co-curricular record) approval for participating in the journal club;
- Growing our Journal Club community to include other students (or institutions) as needed.

Resources

- List of Health Humanities-related Journals (<https://www.ucalgary.ca/healthhumanities/links/relevant-journals>)
- Qualitative Analysis (<https://www.usc.edu/hsc/ebnet/res/Guidelines.pdf>)
- *Brief Guide to Close Reading* (prepared by Prof. Charise; available on Facebook group and email)
- Dr Andrea Charise (Club Faculty Lead and Health Humanities Professor at UTSC; www.andreacherise.com)
- **SCOPE: The Health Humanities Learning Lab** website (www.scopelab.ca).

Use #HealthHumJC to join the conversation!

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¹ What is a Journal Club. (2002). Retrieved from <http://ajcc.aacnjournals.org/site/misc/journalclubwebpage.pdf>