

Assignment 4 **Lioi/21W.746**

For your final assignment, you have a choice. Here are the three options:

1. Write a meditative essay on the place of community in the treatment of depression. (This assignment is a reflection of our earlier brainstorming session on this topic, so any issue we raised is fair game.) Place yourself in conversation with *The Noonday Demon* and any other relevant sources.
2. Write a meditative essay on the function of the doctor in terms of the geopolitics of medicine. In what sense is the doctor responsible to the world as well as the local community? How should this responsibility manifest in practice? This version of the assignment will require that you read ahead into the material on nursing and Doctors without Borders. It can also be placed into dialogue with Anne Fadiman, Jared Diamond, or the earlier material on the Hippocratic Corpus.
3. The final possibility is a topic of your choice. Please discuss your plans with me before embarking in this direction.