Assigned Readings:

Questions:
1. Putting together the perspectives of the four authors, how would you define the field of Medical Sociology and what research questions/issues come under its study?
2. What does Brown mean by “naming” and “framing”?
3. What is a “fundamental cause” according to Link and Phelan?
4. What does Barr mean by “meaning”?
5. How do the works of Brown, Barr, and Link/Phelan fall in relation to the three theoretical orientations discussed by Matcha?
6. What is health according to these authors? What is illness? What is the role(s) of health care professionals?
7. What research techniques discussed by Matcha would most likely be used to research the kinds of questions/issues raised by Brown, Barr, and Link/Phelan respectively?
8. What issues would you expect medical sociologists to be interested in that do not fall under the general types of issues discussed by any of these authors?
9. How is this sociology (or is it)?