

Sociology 1
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INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

Required Books:

David J. Harding, *Living the Drama: Community, Conflict and Culture among Inner-City Boys*

Annette Lareau, *Unequal Childhoods: Class, Race, and Family Life, Second Edition with an Update a Decade Later*

Amy T. Schalet, *Not Under My Roof: Parents, Teens and the Culture of Sex*

Jennifer Silva, *Coming Up Short: Working-Class Adulthood in an Age of Uncertainty*

Books are available at the Cal Student Store, 2560 Bancroft Way [or back in the renovated Student Union!], and at The Student Store, 2470/2480 Bancroft Way. They are also on reserve at Moffitt Library. Starred (*) readings are available on the bCourses web site, and as a reader from University Copy Service, 2425 Channing Way (just below Telegraph). The lectures will be audio-recorded and will be automatically posted to CalCentral, the student portal, on the Class Page for Sociology 1, 001. All official students and GSIs will have access to this page via the My Academics tab. Recordings will also be available on bCourses using the Webcasts tool in the course site. Recordings are intended as a supplement, not a substitute for attending lectures!

Requirements include a mid-term examination (Wednesday, October 1); two short papers (5-7pp.) due Monday, September 28 and Monday, December 7, a **Final Examination (Monday, December 14, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.)**, and **participation in twice-weekly sections**. NOTE!! The semester ends very late this year, so if you are planning international travel or some important event, remember that the final exam is December 14. There are NO early exams or make-up exams for those with travel crises.

Course Outline and Readings

Week 1 (August 26-28) SOCIAL ORIGINS OF THE SELF

* Emile Durkheim, *Suicide*, pp. 152-170; 208-215; 217-222; 241-254.

* Durkheim, *Elementary Forms of Religious Life*, Ch. 7, Sections 2-3, pp. 154-168.

Week 2 (August 31-September 4) THE POWER OF SOCIAL FORCES

* Robert Bellah, et al., *The Good Society*, pp. 4, 10-12, and 38-42.

* Daron Acemoglu and James Robinson, *Why Nations Fail: The Origins of Power, Prosperity, and Poverty* (New York: Random House, 2012), pp. 7-9, 40-44; 70-87.

Monday September 7 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

Week 3 (September 9-11) INDIVIDUAL DESTINY AND SOCIAL FORCES

Jennifer Silva, *Coming Up Short: Working-Class Adulthood in an Age of Uncertainty* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2013), Chs. 1, 3-5, and Conclusion (pp. 3-25 and 53-157).

Monday, September 14 NO CLASS: Rosh Hashana (sections meet as usual)

Week 4 (September 16-16) INSTITUTIONS, POWER, AND POSSIBILITY

* Kathleen Thelen, "Varieties of Capitalism: Trajectories of Liberalization and the New Politics of Social Solidarity," *Annual Review of Political Science*, 15 (2012), pp. 137-159

Wednesday, September 23 NO LECTURE: Yom Kippur (sections meet as usual)

Week 5 (September 21 and 25) SEX AND SOCIETY: HOW CULTURE AND INSTITUTIONS SHAPE INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCE

Amy Schalet, *Not Under My Roof: Parents, Teens and the Culture of Sex* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2011), Chs. 1-4 and 8-Conclusion (pp. 1-106 and 181-212).

Monday September 28 **FIRST PAPER DUE**

Week 6 (September 28-September 30) THEORIES OF CLASS I

* Kingsley Davis and Wilbert Moore, "Some Principles of Stratification," *American Sociological Review* 10:2 (April 1945), pp. 242-249.

* Max Weber, "The Distribution of Power Within the Political Community: Class, Status, Party," pp. 926-940 in *Economy and Society*, Vol. 2.

Week 7 (October 5-7) THEORIES OF CLASS II

* Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, "Manifesto of the Communist Party" (pp. 473-491), "The Coming Uphaeval" from *The Poverty of Philosophy* (pp. 218-219), and selections from *The German Ideology* (pp. 155-163 and 172-174), in Robert Tucker (ed.), *The Marx-Engels Reader* (2nd edition).

Week 8 (October 12-14) MIDTERM WEEK

Monday October 12 REVIEW SESSION

Wednesday October 14 MIDTERM

Week 9 (October 19-21) SOCIAL INEQUALITY: INDIVIDUAL LIFE CHANCES

Annette Lareau, *Unequal Childhoods: Class, Race, and Family Life, Second Edition with an Update a Decade Later*, Chs. 1-4, 8-10, 12, and 13 (pp. 1-81, 165-220, 233-257, and 261-311).

Week 10 (October 26-28) NEIGHBORHOOD, CULTURE, AND INEQUALITY

David J. Harding, *Living the Drama*, Chs. 1-3, 5, and part of Ch. 6 (pp. 1-107, 132-161, and 188-203).

* Devah Pager, "The Mark of a Criminal Record," *American Journal of Sociology*, Vol. 108, No. 5 (March 2003), pp. 937-975.

Week 11 (November 2-4) POWER AND POLITICS: ACTORS, DECISIONS AND OUTCOMES

* J. Allen Whitt, *Urban Elites and Mass Transportation: The Dialectics of Power*, Ch. 1 (pp. 8-39).

* Theda Skocpol and Kenneth Feingold. 1982. "State Capacity and Economic Intervention in the Early New Deal." *Political Science Quarterly* 97(2):255-78.

Week 12 (November 11-13) **CONSTRUCTED BY POLITICS: INSTITUTIONS AND IDENTITIES**

* Robb Willer, et al. "Overdoing Gender: A Test of the Masculine Overcompensation Thesis," *American Journal of Sociology*, Vol. 118, No. 4 (2013), pp. 980-1022.

* Clem Brooks and Jeff Manza, "A Broken Public? Americans' Responses to the Great Recession," *American Sociological Review*, Vol. 78, No. 5 (2013), pp. 727-748.

Week 13 (November 16-18) **WHY POLITICS MATTER: INSTITUTIONS AND OUTCOMES**

*Sven Steinmo, "It's the Institutions Stupid: Why Comprehensive National Health Insurance Always Fails in America." 1995. *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*, 20(2) [excerpts: pp. 329-336 and 361-368; I will also post the full article on bCourses for those who want to read it].

* Paul Starr, *Remedy and Reaction: The Peculiar American Struggle over Health Care Reform* (Yale University Press, 2011), Introduction, pp. 1-24.

THANKSGIVING WEEK No Class (No Sections)

Week 14 (November 30-December 2) **THINKING ABOUT OUR COMMON FUTURE**

* Max Weber, "Bureaucracy," pp. 956-965; 966-67; 973-975; 983-985; and 987-989 in *Economy and Society*, Vol. 2.

Monday December 7 **SECOND PAPER DUE**

December 7-11 Reading and Recitation Week

Review session for final: Wednesday, December 9, in class.

FINAL EXAMINATION: Monday, December 14, 11:30 am-2:30 pm [place, TBA]