

CONTEMPORARY THEORY

a/k/a Sociology 502

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Room 190, Wallace Hall

Purpose: This 12-week seminar surveys the field of contemporary social theory, exposing you to major approaches, themes, thinkers and debates. There are several ways one could organize such a course: as a historical narrative of issues and debates; as an introduction to a set of important books or important thinkers, around varying approaches to theory and theory construction (from metatheory to cumulative theoretical research programs), or around key theoretical dilemmas (theories of action, mechanisms bridging micro and macro, comparative history). This seminar does a little bit of each, providing a tasting menu that will, I hope, provide at least superficial literacy and equip you to probe more deeply the ideas and approaches that you find most stimulating and useful. The focus throughout is on the *instrumental* value of theory, as a means of improving research. There are many ways that theory can do that – by making one question taken-for-granted assumptions and thus liberating one from conventional habits of mind, by exercising the imaginative faculties, by clarifying presuppositions that form the implicit ground for research, by presenting models for thinking about problems, and even by suggesting empirical propositions.

Eligibility: This seminar is required of first-year graduate students in Sociology. It is open to any graduate student in Sociology or other social-science department or the Woodrow Wilson school, and to senior-year sociology majors. Others may apply to instructor for admission.

Requirements

A. Read thoughtfully in advance and participate. Students are expected to do the reading thoroughly *before* the class meeting for which it is assigned, and to participate actively in class meetings. Some of the readings are very demanding, and the amount of reading in some weeks is quite substantial, so be sure to leave enough time. Emphasis is on mastering, responding critically and creatively to, and integrating the material, and, especially, extracting from the readings ideas or approaches that are useful to you in your own work. Try to extract something of value from each assigned reading, even as you evaluate it critically.

B. Four memoranda. During each 3-week period of the course (i.e.g, weeks 1-4, 5-8, and 9-12), you are required to submit (preferably as an e-mail attachment) one memorandum of approximately 1000-1200 words on the week's readings. (**No credit will be given for memoranda handed in late**, as part of the point is to prepare you to participate actively in seminar discussions.) Please view memoranda as writing/thinking exercises, *not* as finished products. Use them to engage the week's materials, respond with questions, criticisms and new ideas they suggest, put into words impressions that seem worth developing, and think about how the readings might contribute to your own intellectual projects. Memos also provide a means by which I can give you ongoing individualized feedback. If you want to do more than the four that are required, I'll provide feedback on those, too.

C. One brief presentations. Each student will make a brief (c. 15 minute) seminar presentation on a topic of particular interest. Presenters will meet with me before their presentation to review strategies.

The good news: No term paper or research project is required, nor is there a final examination.

Readings: Books of which we are reading very large chunks are available at Micawber's books at 110-14 Nassau Street. (These selection will *not* be available for photocopying, because the scope of the readings go beyond "Fair Use"). *Except for these books*, two copies of each week's set of readings will appear in the seminar box in Sociology Department mailroom at least one week before seminar.

Books available at Micawber

Peter L. Berger and Thomas Luckmann, *The Social Construction of Reality : A Treatise in the Sociology of Knowledge.*

List Price: \$11.95 Paperback - 219 pages (August 1967)

Anchor; ISBN: 0385058985).

James S. Coleman, *Foundations of Social Theory*

List Price: \$35.50 Paperback Reprint edition (December 1994)

Harvard (Belknap Press); ISBN: 0674312260

Erving Goffman, *Interaction Ritual : Essays on Face to Face Behavior*

List Price: \$10.75 Paperback - 270 pages (February 1982)

Pantheon Books; ISBN: 0394706315

Jurgen Habermas, *The Structural Transformation of the Public Sphere*

List Price: \$22.00 Paperback - 333 pages Reprint edition (August 28, 1991)

MIT Press; ISBN: 0262581086

Talcott Parsons and Edward A Shils. *Toward a General Theory of Action : Theoretical Foundations for the Social Sciences.*

List Price: \$24.95 Paperback - 265 pages Abridged edition (May 2001)

Transaction Pub; ISBN: 0765807181

Erik Olin Wright.. *Class Counts : Student Edition.*

List Price: \$19.95 Paperback Student edition (July 2000)

Cambridge Univ Pr (Pap Txt); ISBN: 0521663946.

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After a brief list of general references, topics and readings assignments are listed by week. Required readings come first, followed by week-specific reference resources. Readings associated with particular presentation topics appear on the separate topics list.

Reference resources for course as a whole:

The following are useful secondary sources on some of the materials included in the required reading.

- Giddens, Anthony and Jonathan Turner, eds. 1987. *Social Theory Today*. Stanford: Stanford University Press. Useful collection of essays on particular theoretical movements, including many of those covered in this course.
- Rule, James B. 1997. *Theory and Progress in Social Science*. New York: Cambridge. Interesting critical discussions of functionalism and neofunctionalism, network analysis, rational-choice theory, and feminist theory.
- Stinchcombe, Arthur L. 1987. *Constructing Social Theories*. Chicago: Univ. of Chicago Press. Deservedly a classic, this lucid and engaging exposition of several forms of theory-building, is a bit dated (it was first published in 1965) but still unsurpassed. Includes causal, functional, demographic, and historicist forms of explanation.
- Turner, Jonathan H. 1974 *The Structure of Sociological Theory*. Homewood, Illinois: Dorsey Press. A good systematic introduction to the major theories of the third quarter of the 20th century, including functionalism, conflict theory, microsociology, and exchange theory.
- Cohen, Ira J. 2000. "Theories of Action and Praxis." Chapter 3 (pp. 73-111) in *The Blackwell Companion to Social Theory*, 2nd ed., ed. Bryan Turner. Oxford: Basil Blackwell.

Week 1 (February 7): Intro – Visions of theory

Required:

- Camic, Charles and Neil Gross. 1998. "Contemporary Developments in Sociological Theory: Current Projects and Conditions of Possibility." *Annual Review of Sociology* 24: 542-76.
- Alexander, Jeffrey. 1987. Pp. 11-46 in "The Centrality of the Classics." Pp. 11-57 in *Social Theory Today*, ed. Anthony Giddens and Jonathan Turner. Stanford: Stanford University Press.
- Schelling, Thomas C. 1998. "Social Mechanisms and Social Dynamics." Pp. 32-43 in *Social Mechanisms*, ed. Peter Hedstrom and Richard Swedberg. New York: Cambridge Univ. Press.
- Jasso, Guillermina. 1988. "Principles of Theoretical Analysis." *Sociological Theory* 6:1-20.
- Collins, Randall. 1989. "Sociology: Proscience or Antiscience?" *American Sociological Rev.* 54: 124-39
- Abbott, Andrew. 1988. "Transcending General Linear Reality." *Sociological Theory* 6: 169-86.
- Breiger, Ronald L. 2002 (forthcoming). "Writing (and Quantifying) Sociology>" Pp. 90-112 in *Writing and Revising the Disciplines*, ed. Jonathan Monroe. Ithaca NY: Cornell University Press.

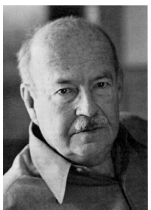
Other readings:

- Hanneman, Robert A., Randall Collins, and Gabriele Mordt. 1995. "Discovering Theory Dynamics by Computer Simulation: Experiments on State Legitimacy and Imperialist Capitalism." *Sociological Methodology* 25: 1-46. (JSTOR)
- Turner, Jonathan H. 1987. "Analytical Theorizing." In *Social Theory Today*, ed. Anthony Giddens and Jonathan Turner. Stanford: Stanford University Press.

Week 2 (February 14): Parsons, the problem of action, and functional analysis

Required:

- Parsons, Talcott. 1949 [1937]. *The Structure of Social Action: A Study in Social Theory with Special Reference to a Group of Recent European Writers*. NY: Free Press. Part I, pp. 3-125; chapter 12, pp. 451-70.
- Parsons, Talcott and Edward A. Shils. 1951. "Values, Motives and Systems of Action." Pp. 1-189 in *Toward a General Theory of Action*, edited by Talcott Parsons and Edward A. Shils. Cambridge: Harvard University Press.



Parsons, Talcott. 1971. "Chapter 2: Theoretical Orientations." Pp. 4-28 in *The System of Modern Societies*. Englewood Cliffs: Prentice-Hall.

Parsons, Talcott. 1959. "The School Class as a Social System." *Harvard Educational Review* 29: 297-318.

Reference resources for week 2:

Alexander, Jeffrey. 1983. *Theoretical Logic in Sociology*, volume 4: *The Modern Reconstruction of Classical Thought: Talcott Parsons*. Berkeley: Univ. of California Press. Chapter 2, "The Early Period," pp. 8-45.

Camic, Charles. 1987. "An Historical Reinterpretation of the Early Parsons." *American Sociological Review* 52: 421-39

Camic, Charles. 1989. "'Structure' after 50 Years: The Anatomy of a Charter." *American Journal of Sociology* 95: 38-107.

Week 3 (February 21): Microsociologies: Ethnomethodology, Phenomenology, Goffman

Required:

Heritage, John. 1987. "Harold Garfinkel." Pp. 224-72 in *Social Theory Today*, ed. Anthony Giddens and Jonathan Turner. Stanford: Stanford University Press.

Garfinkel, Harold. 1963. "A Conception of Experiments with 'Trust' as a Condition of Stable Concerted Actions." Pp. 187-238 in *Motivation and Social Interaction*, ed. O.J. Harvey. NY: Ronald Press.

Berger, Peter and Thomas Luckmann. 1966. *The Social Construction of Reality: A Treatise in the Sociology of Knowledge*. Garden City, NY: Doubleday. Pp. 47-128 ("Society as Objective Reality").

Goffman, Erving. 1967. *Interaction Ritual: Essays on Face-to-Face Behavior*. NY: Pantheon., pp. 1-95.

Collins, Randall. 2002. "Chapter 1: The Program of Interaction Ritual Theory." *Interaction Ritual Chains*, book manuscript, University of Pennsylvania Department of Sociology. 62 ms. pages.

Other resources for Week 3:

Heritage, John. 1984. *Garfinkel and Ethnomethodology*. New York: Polity Press.

Atkinson, Paul. 1988. "Ethnomethodology: A Critical Review." *Annual Review of Sociology* 14: 441-65.

Maynard, Douglas W. and Steven E. Clayman. 1991. "The Diversity of Ethnomethodology.." *Annual Review of Sociology* 17: 385-418.

Collins, Randall. 1981. "Three Stages of Erving Goffman." Pp. 219-54 in *Sociology Since Midcentury: Essays in Theory Cumulation*. New York: Academic Press.

Collins, Randall. 1981. "On the Microfoundations of Macro-Sociology." *AJS* 86: 984-1014

Collins, Randall. 1985 "The Microinteractionist Tradition," Pp. 180-226 in *Three Sociological Traditions* (New York: Oxford).

Wuthnow, Robert, James Davison Hunter, Albert Bergesen, and Edith Kurzweil. 1984. "The Phenomenology of Peter Berger." Pp. 21-76 in *Cultural Analysis: The Work of Peter L. Berger, Mary Douglas, Michel Foucault and Jurgen Habermas*. Boston: Routledge and Kegan Paul.

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Week 4 (February 28): Individualism and rational choice

Required:

Heckathorn, Douglas. 2001. "Sociological Rational Choice." Pp. 273-84 in George Ritzer and Barry Smart (eds), *Handbook of Social Theory*. London: Sage Publications.

Coleman, James. 1990. *Foundations of Social Theory*. Cambridge: Harvard Univ. Press. Pp. 1-44, 65-78, 91-108, 119-56, 163-196, 241-250, 256-58, 263-76, 283-99, 503-20.

Miller, Dale. 1999. "The Norm of Self-Interest." *American Psychologist* 54: 1053-60.

Other resources for week 4:

Symposium on Coleman. 1992. *Theory and Society* 21: 263-83 (1992).



- Symposium on Coleman. 1990. *Contemporary Sociology* 19: 783-88.
- Frank, Robert H. 1992. "Melding Sociology and Economics: James Coleman's *Foundations of Social Theory*." *Journal of Economic Literature* 30: 147-70.
- Macy, Michael and Andreas Flache. 1995. "Beyond Rationality in Models of Choice." *Annual Rev. of Sociology* 21: 73-92.
- Hechter, Michael and S. Kanazawa. 1997. "Sociological Rational Choice Theory." *Annual Rev. of Sociology* 23: 191-214.
- Homans, George Caspar. 1964. "Bringing Men Back In." *American Sociological Review* 29: 807-28.
- Burt, Ronald. 1992. *Structural Holes: The Social Structure of Competition*. Cambridge: Harvard Univ. Press.

Week 5 (March 7): Structuralism & role theory: Nadel, Blau & White

Required:

- Nadel, S.F. 1957. *Theory of Social Structure*. London: Cohen and West, pp. 1-124.
- Blau, Peter M. 1977. *Inequality and Heterogeneity: A Primitive Theory of Social Structure*. NY: Free Press. Chapters 1-6, pp. 1-153.
- White, Harrison C., Scott A. Boorman and Ronald L. Breiger. 1976. "Social Structure from Multiple Networks: I. Blockmodels of Roles and Positions." *AJS* 81: 730-80.



Other resources:

- Thompson, D'Arcy. 1961. *On Growth and Form*. Cambridge: Cambridge Univ. Press.
- Mayhew, Bruce. 1980 "Structuralism Versus Individualism: Part 1: Shadowboxing in the Dark" *Social Forces* 80:335-365 and
- 1981 "Structuralism Versus Individualism: Part 2: Ideological and Other Obfuscations" *Social Forces* 81:627-648
- Abbott, Edwin A. 1884. *Flatland* (2nd edition). Many editions available.

Week 6 (March 14): Conflict theory: Marxism and social closure

Required:

- Wright, Erik Olin. 1997. *Class Counts*. NY: Cambridge Univ. Press, pp. 1-39, 43-66, 79-111, 115-24, and 185-233, 251-76.
- Offe, Claus and Helmut Wessenthal. 1985 [1980]. "Two Logics of Collective Action." Pp. 170-220 in Offe, *Disorganized Capitalism*. Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press.
- Abercrombie, Nicholas and Bryan Turner. 1978. "The Dominant Ideology Thesis." *Brit. Journal of Sociology* 29:149-70.
- Collins, Randall. 1971. "Functional and Conflict Theories of Educational Stratification." *American Sociological Review* 36:1002-1019.
- Tilly, Charles. 1998. *Durable Inequality*. Berkeley: Univ. of California Press. Pp. 74-103.

Other readings:

- Randall, Collins. 1985. "The Conflict Tradition," Pp. 47-115 in *Three Sociological Traditions*. New York: Oxford.
- Burawoy, Michael. 2000. "Marxism After Communism." *Theory and Society* 29: 151-74.
- Murphy, Raymond. 1988. *Social Closure: The Theory of Monopolization and Exclusion*. New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 64-106.
- Elster, Jon. 1986. "Marxism, Functionalism, and Game Theory." Pp. 87-117 in *Structures of Capital: The Social Organization of the Economy*, ed. Sharon Zukin and Paul DiMaggio.

-----Spring Break-----



Week 7 (March 28): Bourdieu and Douglas

Required:

- Bourdieu, Pierre. 1990. *The Logic of Practice*. Trans., Richard Nice. Stanford: Stanford University Press. Pp. 23-41, 52-70, 122-34.
- Pierre Bourdieu. 1977. "Doxa, Orthodoxy, Heterodoxy." Pp. 159-70 in *Outline of a Theory of Practice*. Cambridge, England: Cambridge University Press.
- Bourdieu, Pierre. 1986. "The Forms of Capital." Pp. 241-58 in *Handbook of Theory and Research for the Sociology of Education*, ed. J.G. Richardson. Westport: Greenwood Press.
- Bourdieu, Pierre. 1998. "The Economy of Symbolic Goods." Pp. 92-123 in *Practical Reason: On the Theory of Action*. Cambridge: Polity Press.
- Douglas, Mary. 1982 [1978]. "Cultural Bias." Pp. 183-254 in *In the Active Voice*. Boston: Routledge.
- Douglas, Mary. 1982 [1973]. "Food as a System of Communication." Pp. 82-124 in *In the Active Voice*. Boston: Routledge.



Other Resources:

- Bourdieu, Pierre and Loic J.D. Wacquant. 1992. *An Invitation to Reflexive Sociology*. Chicago: Univ. of Chicago Press.
- Bourdieu, Pierre. 1990. *In Other Words: Essays Towards a Reflexive Sociology*. Trans. Matthew Adamson. Stanford: Stanford University Press.
- Loic Wacquant. 1998. "Pierre Bourdieu." Pp. 215-28 in *Key Sociological Thinkers*, ed. Rob Stones. New York: NYU Press.
- Loic J.D. Wacquant. 1989. "Towards a Reflexive Sociology: A Workshop with Pierre Bourdieu." *Sociological Theory* 7:26-63.
- Swartz, David. 1997. *Culture and Power: The Sociology of Pierre Bourdieu*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Calhoun, Craig J., E. LiPuma, Moïse Postone, eds. 1993. *Bourdieu: Critical Perspectives*. Chicago: Univ. of Chicago Press.
- Bourdieu bibliography on-line: <http://www.iwp.uni-linz.ac.at/lxe/sektktf/bb/hyperbourdieu80-89.html#BM1985>
- 2ndary literature on Bourdieu: <http://www.massey.ac.nz/~nzsrd/~/bourdieu/pierre.htm>
- Wuthnow, Robert, Albert Bergesen, James Davison Hunter and Edith Kurzweil. 1984. "The Cultural Anthropology of Mary Douglas." Pp. 77-132 in *Cultural Analysis*. Boston: Routledge & Kegan Paul.
- Douglas, Mary. 1966. *Purity and Danger: An Analysis of the Concepts of Pollution and Taboo*. NY: Pantheon.
- Douglas, Mary. 1986. *How Institutions Think*. Syracuse: Syracuse University Press.
- Fardon, Richard. 1999. *Mary Douglas: An Intellectual Biography*. London: Routledge & Kegan Paul.

Week 8 (April 4): Habermas

Required:

- Habermas, Jurgen. 1975. "Crisis Tendencies in Advanced Capitalism", in *Legitimation Crises*. Boston: Beacon Press.
- Habermas, Jurgen. 1989. *The Structural Transformation of the Public Sphere: An Inquiry into the Category of Bourgeois Society*, trans. Thomas Burger with the assistance of Frederick Lawrence. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 1989, 1-56, 73-88, 236-50.
- Emirbayer, Mustafa and Mimi Sheller. 1998. "Publics in History." *Theory and Society* 27: 727-79.
- Solum, Lawrence Byard. 1989. Pp. 55-57 and 86-106 in "Freedom of Communicative Action: A Theory of the First Amendment Freedom of Speech." *Northwestern University Law Review* 83: 54-135.
- Habermas, Jurgen. 1987. *The Theory of Communicative Action, vol. 2: Lifeworld and System: A Critique of Functionalist Reasoning*. Boston: Beacon Press. Pp. 113-97.



Reference resources for week 8:

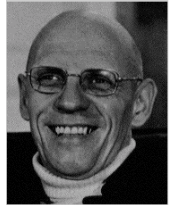
- Outhwaite, William. 1994. *Habermas: A Critical Introduction*. Cambridge: Polity Press.
- Held, David and John Thompson, eds. 1982. *Habermas: Critical Debates*. London: Macmillan.
- Calhoun, Craig J., ed. 1992a. *Habermas and the Public Sphere*. Cambridge: MIT Press.

- Honneth, A., Hans Joas. 1991. *Communicative Action: Essays on Jurgen Habermas's The Theory of Communicative Action*. Trans. J. Gane, D.L. Jones. Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press.
- Wuthnow, Robert, James Davison Hunter, Albert Bergesen, and Edith Kurzweil.. 1984. "The Critical Theory of Jurgen Habermas." Pp. 179-239 in *Cultural Analysis: The Work of Peter L Berger, Mary Douglas, Michel Foucault and Jurgen Habermas*. Boston: Routledge & Kegan Paul.
- Ku, Agnes S. 2000. "Revisiting the Notion of 'Public' in Habermas's Theory – Toward a Theory of Politics of Public Credibility." *Sociological Theory* 18: 216-40.
- Habermas, Jurgen. 1996. *The Habermas Reader*. William Outhwaite, editor. Cambridge, UK: Polity Press.
- Habermas, Jurgen. 1989. *Jurgen Habermas on Society and Politics: A Reader*, ed. Steven Seidman. Boston: Beacon Press.
- Habermas On-Line: <http://www.sla.purdue.edu/people/soc/mdeflem/HabermasOnline/default.html>

Week 9 (April 11): Postmodernism

Required:

- Anderson, Perry. 1998. *The Origins of Postmodernity*. New York: Verso. Pp. 3-46.
- Jameson, Frederic. 1984. "Postmodernism, or the Cultural Logic of Late Capitalism." *New Left Review* 146: 53-92.
- Bauman, Zygmunt. 1994 [1988]. "Is There a Postmodern Sociology?" Pp. 187-204 in *The Postmodern Turn: Foucault, Michel*. 1984. *The Foucault Reader*, ed. Paul Rabinow. New York: Pantheon.. "What is an Author?" (pp. 101-20) and selections from *Discipline and Punish* (pp. 170-238).
- Foucault, Michel. 1976. "Two Lectures." Pp. 78-108 in *Power/Knowledge*. New York: Pantheon.
- Lamont, Michèle. 1987. "How to Become a Dominant French Philosopher: The Case of Jacques Derrida." *American Journal of Sociology*. 93: 584-622. Available on JSTOR.
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<http://www.theorycards.org.uk/card03.htm>



Other resources for week 9:

- Foucault website: <http://www.foucault.info/>
- Pescosolido, Bernice and Beth Rubin. 2000. "The Web of Group Affiliations Revisited: Social Life, Postmodernism, and Sociology." *American Sociological Review* 65: 52-76.
- Lash, Scott. 1990. "Postmodernism: Towards a Sociological Account." Pp. 1-52 in *The Sociology of Postmodernism*. London: Routledge.
- Giddens, Anthony. *Modernity and Self-Identity*.
- David Harvey, *The Postmodern Condition*
- Michel Foucault, *The Order of Things: An Archaeology of the Human Sciences* (New York: Vintage [1970] 1973)

Week 10 (April 18): Evolutionary Theory

Required:

- Carroll, Glenn R. And Michael T. Hannan. 2000. "The Demographic Perspective." Pp. 17-34 in *The Demography of Corporations and Industries*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- Aldrich, Howard. 1999. *Organizations Evolving*. Thousand Oaks, CA.: Sage Pubs. Chaps. 2 ("The Evolutionary Approach, pp. 20-41) and 11 ("Community Ecology. Pp. 298-330).
- Hannan, Michael T. and John Freeman. 1989. "Boundaries of Forms and Populations," "Competition and the Niche" and "Modelling the Dynamics of Organizational Populations." Pp. 45-70, 91-144 in *Organizational Ecology*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press.
- Carley, Kathleen M. 1999. "On the Evolution of Social and Organizational Networks." Pp. 3-30 in *Research in the Sociology of Organizations* (v. 16), *Networks In and Around Organizations*, ed. Steven Andrews and David Knoke. Stamford, CT: JAI Press.



- Gould, Stephen Jay and Richard Lewontin. 1984. "The Spandrels of San Marco and the Panglossian Paradigm: A Critique of the Adaptationist Program." Pp. 252-70 in *Conceptual Issues in Evolutionary Biology*, Ed. Elliot Sober. Cambridge: MIT Press.
- March, James G. 1994. "The Evolution of Evolution." Pp. 39-45 in *Evolutionary Dynamics of Organizations*, ed. By Joel A.C. Baum and Jitendra V. Singh. NY: Oxford Univ. Press.

Week 11 (April 25): Theories of Gender

Required:

- Chavetz, Janet S. 1993. "Feminist Theory and Sociology: Underutilized Contributions to Mainstream Theory." *Annual Review of Sociology* 23: 97-120.
- Stacey, Judith and Barrie Thorne. 1985. "The Missing Feminist Revolution in Sociology." *Social Problems* 32: 301-16.
- Smith, Dorothy E. 1990. "Women's Experience as a Radical Critique of Sociology" and "The Ideological Practice of Sociology". Pp. 1-57 in *The Conceptual Practices of Power: A Feminist Sociology of Knowledge*. Boston: Northeastern University Press.
- West, Candace and Don Zimmerman. 1987. "Doing gender." *Gender and Society* 1:125-151.
- Connell, R.W. 1992. "A Very Straight Gay: Masculinity, Homosexual Experience, and the dynamics of gender." *American Sociological Review* 57:735-51.
- Udry, J. Richard. 2000. "Biological Limits of Gender Construction." *American Sociological Review* 65: 443-57.
- England, Paula and Barbara Stanek Kilbourne. 1990. "Feminist Critiques of the Separative Model of Self: Implications for Rational Choice Theory." *Rationality and Society* 2: 156-71.

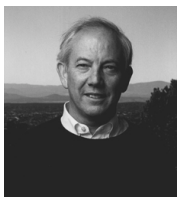
Other Resources for Week 11:

- England, Paula. 1993. *Theory on Gender/Feminism on Theory*. Hawthorne, New York: Aldine-DeGruyter.
- Chodorow, Nancy. 1978. *The Reproduction of Mothering*. Berkeley: University of California Press)
- Connell, R.W. 1996. *Masculinities*. Cambridge: Polity.
- De Beauvoir, Simone. 1989 (1949). *The Second Sex*. H. M. Parshley, trans. New York: Vintage.
- Epstein, Cynthia Fuchs. 1988. *Deceptive Distinctions: Sex, Gender and the Social Order*. New Haven: Yale University Press.
- Fraser, Nancy. 1989. *Unruly Practices. Power, Discourse, and Gender in Contemporary Social Theory*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.
- Rogers, Mary F.. 2000. "Contemporary Feminist Theory." Pp. 285-96 in George Ritzer and Barry Smart (eds), *Handbook of Social Theory*. London: Sage Publications.

Week 12 (May 2): Society as a Complex System

Required:

- Gladwell, Malcolm. 1996. "The Tipping Point." *New Yorker* (3 June): 32-38
- Arthur, W. Brian, Steven Durlauf and David A. Lane. 1997. "Process and Emergence in the Economy." 4-page selection from *Introduction to The Economy As an Evolving Complex System II: Proceedings*. Volume 27 in the Santa Fe Institute Studies in the Sciences of Complexity. Santa Fe: Santa Fe Institute. (Ms. From Brian Arthur's web site, <http://www.santafe.edu/~wba/Papers/ADLIntro.html>).
- Watts, Duncan. 1999. "Networks, Dynamics, and the Small-World Phenomenon." *American Journal of Sociology* 105: 493-527. (Ok to skim technical parts.)
- Goldstone, Jack. 1998. "Initial Conditions, General Laws, Path Dependence, and Explanation in Historical Sociology." *American Journal of Sociology* 104: 829-846.
- *Cilliers, Paul. 1998. *Complexity & Postmodernism: Understanding Complex Systems*. New York: Routledge. Pp. 1-24 ("Approaching Complexity") and pp. 112-140 ("Complexity and Postmodernism").



Powell, Walter W., Douglas R. White, and Kenneth W. Koput. 2001. "Evolution of a Science-Based Industry: Dynamic Analyses and Network Visualization of Biotechnology." Ms. (Movie at <http://eclectic.ss.uci.edu/~drwhite/Movie>.)

White, Harrison C. 1992. *Identity and Control: A Structural Theory of Social Action*. Introduction (pp. 1-21) and Appendix A: "One Hundred Topics" (pp. 317-27).. Princeton: Princeton Univ. Press.



Other resources for week 12:

Review Symposium on *Identity and Control*. *Contemporary Sociology*, 22: 307-16 (reviews by Charles Tilly, Raymond Boudon, Marshall Meyer, and Craig Calhoun). See also useful review by Andrew Abbott in *Social Forces* 72 (1994): 895 ff.

Anderson, Philip W. and David Pines. 1988. *The Economy As an Evolving Complex System*. Volume 5 in the Santa Fe Institute Studies in the Sciences of Complexity. Santa Fe: Santa Fe Institute

Arthur, W. Brian, Steven Durlauf and David A. Lane. 1997. "Process and Emergence in the Economy." 6-page selection from Introduction to *The Economy As an Evolving Complex System II: Proceedings*. Volume 27 in the Santa Fe Institute Studies in the Sciences of Complexity. Santa Fe: Santa Fe Institute.

Gladwell, Malcolm. 2000. *The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference*. Boston: Little Brown.

White, Harrison. 1992. *Identity and Control: A Structural Theory of Social Action*. Princeton: Princeton Univ. Press. Pp. 1-41, 48-58, 62-64, 65-70, 75-77, 78-89, 97, 102-11, 114-24, 126-32, 135-36, 200-201, 205-09, 230-67, 281-85, 297-303, 312-16.