

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

SOCIOLOGY 101: THE SOCIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE: PATTERNS OF SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

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Monday-Wednesday 11:00 am**

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COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. One take-home mid-term examination (short essays, maximum of six double-spaced pages) on Wednesday, October 28 due 24 hours later.
2. One final examination.
3. One paper (8-10 double-spaced pages). DUE DATE: Friday, January 8. (Instructions for the paper will be distributed in class).
4. Precept participation.

A package with the required readings is available at Pequod Copy. Readings are also on reserve at the Firestone Library.

COURSE OUTLINE

WEEK 1 and WEEK 2. (SEPTEMBER 21 and 28) WHAT IS SOCIOLOGY?

- McNall & McNall, *Sociology*, pp. 28-32.
 - C. Wright Mills, (1959), *The Sociological Imagination*, Chapter 1, pp. 1-24.
 - E. Durkheim, *Suicide*, (1897), Preface and Introduction, pp. 35-52; Book 2: Chapter 5, "Anomic Suicide," pp. 241-76.
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WEEK 3. (OCTOBER 5) RESEARCH METHODS

- McNall & McNall, *Sociology*, Chapter 2, “Doing Sociology,” pp. 32-52.
- W. Whyte, (1941), “Corner Boys: A Study of Clique Behavior,” pp. 181-94.
- M. Sanchez Jankowski, (1991), *Islands in the Street: Gangs and American Urban Society*, Introduction, pp. 6-19.
- Humphreys, (1970), “A Typology of Tearoom Participants,” in Earl Rubington and Martin Weinberg (eds), *Deviance: An Interactionist Perspective*, 4th edition, pp. 326-338.
- J. Woods, (1993), *The Corporate Closet: The Professional Lives of Gay Men in America*, Prologue, pp. xi-xviii; Appendix, pp. 253-263.

WEEK 4. (OCTOBER 12) BASIC SOCIOLOGICAL CONCEPTS.

PART I: SOCIAL STRUCTURE

- McNall & McNall, *Sociology*, Chapter 9, “The Creation of Societies,” pp. 203-9.
- A. Hochschild, (1983), *The Managed Heart*, pp. 35-68.
- P. Zimbardo, (1972), “Pathology of Imprisonment,” *Down to Earth Sociology*, pp. 232-8.
- M. Komarovsky, (1985), *Women in College*, chapter 8, pp. 225-68.
- B. Schwartz, (1974), “Waiting, Exchange, and Power: The Distribution of Time in Social Systems,” pp. 153-60.

WEEK 5. (OCTOBER 19) BASIC SOCIOLOGICAL CONCEPTS.

PART II: CULTURE

- McNall & McNall, *Sociology*, Chapter 3, “Culture,” pp. 54-76.
 - Miner, (1956), “Body Ritual Among the Nacirema,” pp. 33-37.
 - E. Zerubavel, (1985), *The Seven Day Circle: The History and Meaning of the Week*, pp. 107-141.
 - M.L. DeVault, (1991), *Feeding the Family*, Foreword, Introduction (pp. 18-25); Chapter 1, pp. 35-57.
 - N. Henley, M. Hamilton, B. Thorne, (1985), “Womanspeak and Manspeak,” pp. 145-152.
 - P. Bourdieu, (1990) *Photography A Middle-brow Art*, “The Cult of Unity and Cultivated Differences,” pp. 13-31.
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WEEK 6. (OCTOBER 26) THE CASE OF LOVE: CULTURE, SOCIAL STRUCTURE, AND SENTIMENT

- W. Goode, (1959), "The Theoretical Importance of Love," *American Sociological Review* 24 (February 1959), pp. 38-47.
- R.T. Michael, J.H. Gagnon, E.O. Laumann, and G. Kolata, (1994), *Sex in America: A Definitive Survey*, Chapter 3, "Who are our Sex Partners?," pp. 42-66.
- C. Smith Rosenberg, (1985), "The Female World of Love and Ritual," in *Disorderly Conduct*, pp. 53-76.
- F. Cancian, "The Feminization of Love," *Signs* (Summer 1986), pp. 692-709.
- J. Woods, (1993), *The Corporate Closet: The Professional Lives of Gay Men in America*, Ch. 2, "The Asexual Professional," pp. 31-52.

NOVEMBER 2 – 8: FALL RECESS

WEEK 7. (NOVEMBER 9) THE CASE OF DEATH: CULTURE, SOCIAL STRUCTURE AND THE BODY

- E. Becker, (1973), *The Denial of Death*, chapter 2, "The Terror of Death," pp. 11-24.
- V. Zelizer, (1985), *Pricing the Priceless Child*, Introduction, pp. 3-15; Chapter 1, pp. 22-55.
- N. Scheper-Hughes, (1992), *Death Without Weeping*, chapter 7, "Two Feet Under and a Cardboard Coffin," pp. 268-286.
- V. Marshall, "Socialization for Impending Death in a Retirement Village," *American Journal of Sociology* 80 (March 1975), pp. 1124-43.
- K. Chopin, (1975), "The Story of an Hour," in S. Cahill, ed., *Women and Fiction*, pp. 1-5.

WEEK 8. (NOVEMBER 16) THE CASE OF MONEY: CULTURE, SOCIAL STRUCTURE, AND THE MARKET

- V. Zelizer, (1994), *The Social Meaning of Money*, Chapter 1, "The Marking of Money," pp. 1-35; Chapter 2, "The Domestic Production of Monies," pp. 35-70.
 - P. Schwartz, (1994), *Peer Marriage: How Love Between Equals Really Works*, Chapter 4, "Eliminating the Good Provider Role," pp. 111-144.
 - K. Edin and L. Lein (1997), *Making Ends Meet: How Single Mothers Survive Welfare and Low-Wage Work*, Introduction, pp. 1-19; chapter 6 ("Survival Strategies"), pp. 143-67.
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WEEK 9. (NOVEMBER 23) SOCIALIZATION

- McNall & McNall, *Sociology*, Chapter 4, "Socialization," pp. 77-100.
- K. Davis, (1947), "Final Note on a Case of Extreme Isolation," pp. 72-80.
- B. Thorne, (1986), "Girls and Boys Together...But Mostly Apart: Gender Arrangements in Elementary Schools," pp. 115-125.
- D. Nasaw, (1985), *Children of the City*, Preface; chapters 6, 7, and 8, pp. 88-129.

WEEK 10. (NOVEMBER 30) ADULT SOCIALIZATION

- Berger and Luckmann, (1967), *The Social Construction of Reality*, pp. 138-47.
- Berger and Kellner, (1964), "Marriage and the Construction of Reality," pp. 392-404.
- Becker and Geer, (1958), "The Fate of Idealism in Medical School," in Robboy and Clark, eds., *Social Interaction*, pp. 115-24.
- J. Pierce, (1995), *Gender Trials*, chapter 1, pp. 17-22; chapter 3 ("Rambo Litigators"), pp. 50-82.
- R. Leidner (1993), *Fast Food, Fast Talk*, pp. 44-76, 134-147.

WEEK 11. (DECEMBER 7) EDUCATION

- P.W. Kingston & L.S. Lewis, "Undergraduates at Elite Institutions: The Best, the Brightest and the Richest," in Kingston and Lewis (eds.), *The High Status Track*, pp. 105-120.
 - R. Rorty, "Education Without Dogma," *Dissent*, Spring 1989, pp. 189-204.
 - J.A. Banks, "Multicultural Education: Historical Development, Dimensions and Practice," in Linda Darling Hammong (ed.), *Review of Research in Education*, pp. 3-38.
 - I. Howe, "The Value of the Canon," *The New Republic*, February 18, 1991, pp. 40-47.
 - G. Graff, "What Should We Be Teaching---When There's No 'We'?", *The Yale Journal of Criticism*, 1988, pp. 189-209.
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WEEK 12. (DECEMBER 14) AGENTS OF SOCIALIZATION: FAMILIES

- A. Hochschild, (1997), *The Time Bind*, chapter 1, pp. 3-14; chapters 3 and 4, pp. 25-52; chapter 15, pp. 219-38.
 - K. Edin and L. Lein, (1997), *Making Ends Meet*, chapter 5, (“Why Some Single Mothers Choose to Work”), pp. 120-42.
 - K. Gerson, (1993), *No Man’s Land: Men’s Changing Commitments to Family and Work*, Chapter 8, “Dilemmas of Involved Fatherhood,” pp. 215-255.
 - Stier and Tienda, (1993), “Are Men Marginal to the Family?” in Jane Hood, ed., *Men, Work, and Family*, pp. 23-44.
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