

Sociology 1
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INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

Required Books:

Erving Goffman, *Asylums*

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

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

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

Books are available at the Cal Student Store, 2560 Bancroft Way, 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, <https://calcentral.berkeley.edu/> on the Class Page for Sociology 1, 001.

Requirements include a mid-term examination (Wednesday, October 15); two short papers (5-7pp.) due Monday, September 29 and Monday, December 8, a **Final Examination (Monday, December 15, 8-11 a.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 15. There are NO early exams or make-up exams for those with travel crises.

Course Outline and Readings

Week 1 (Friday, August 29) SOCIAL ORIGINS OF THE SELF

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

Monday September 1 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY [Note!!! Class meets on Friday]

Week 2 (September 3-5) THE POWER OF SOCIAL FORCES

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

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

Week 3 (September 8-10) MAKING AND REMAKING THE SELF

Erving Goffman, *Asylums*, pp. 3-92, 173-5, 207-262; and 304-320.

Week 4 (September 15-19) INSTITUTIONS, POWER, AND POSSIBILITY

* 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.

* 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.

Week 5 (September 22-24) 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 29 **FIRST PAPER DUE**

Week 6 (September 29-October 1) 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 6-8) 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 13-15) MIDTERM WEEK

Monday October 13 REVIEW SESSION

Wednesday October 15 MIDTERM

Week 9 (October 20-22) 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 27-29) 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).

* Fischer, et al., *Inequality by Design*, Chs. 6 and 8 (pp. 129-157 and 171-203).

Week 11 (November 3-5) POWER AND POLITICS: ACTORS, DECISIONS AND OUTCOMES

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

* Jacob S. Hacker and Paul Pierson, *Winner-Take-All Politics: How Washington Made the Rich Richer--and Turned Its Back on the Middle Class*, Chs. 4-5, and Conclusion (pp. 95-136, and 289-305).

Week 12 (November 12-14) 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 17-19) WHY POLITICS MATTER: INSTITUTIONS AND OUTCOMES

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

* Richard Kirsch, *Fighting for Our Health: The Epic Battle to Make Health Care a Right in the United States* (Rockefeller Institute Press, 2011), Introduction and Chs. 5-7, 16, 20-22, and Epilogue (pp. 1-6, 83-141, 267-283, and 319-371).

THANKSGIVING WEEK **No Class on Wednesday November 26** (sections Monday and Tuesday only)

Week 14 (November 24) POLITICAL TRANSFORMATION: WHO CAN GOVERN?

* Andrés Villarreal, "Political Competition and Violence in Mexico: Hierarchical Social Control in Local Patronage Structures," *American Sociological Review*, Vol. 67, No. 4 (2002), pp. 477-498.

Selected news articles to be distributed.

Week 15 (December 1-3) THINKING ABOUT OUR COMMON FUTURE

Monday December 8 **SECOND PAPER DUE**

December 8-12 Reading and Recitation Week

Review session for final: Wednesday, December 10, in class.

FINAL EXAMINATION: Monday, December 15, 8-11 am