

Sociology 264E: Topics in Gender Studies Gender and Families

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Course Syllabus

Books to Buy

G. Therborn, *Between Sex and Power: Family in the World, 1900-2000*.
Routledge, 2004.

D. Furchtgott-Roth and C. Stolba, *Women's Figures: An Illustrated Guide to the
Economic Progress of Women in America*. AEI Press, 1999.

Course Requirements

- A 30-minute presentation on a **boldfaced work** listed in the course outline.
- A 10-page paper – a “review essay” – on the same work. (Alternatively, you could write a 15-page paper on some theme of your own choosing if you wish.)
- Take-home final exam.
- Participation in class discussions.

Grading

- 25% on the 30-minute presentation
- 25% on the review essay (or theme paper)
- 25% on the take-home final
- 25% on class participation

Course Outline and Reading Assignments

Books listed in **boldface** are to be chosen for 30-minute presentations and review essays. They will not be read by everyone else (although no punishment will be inflicted if anyone cares to do so!). All articles are available as pdf files on iLearn.

Week 1. Introduction/Orientation

Week 2. Early Modern Families, 1500-1900

S. K. Sanderson, "Family systems in comparative perspective." Forthcoming in *Concise Encyclopedia of Comparative Sociology*.

Therborn, *Between Sex and Power: Family in the World, 1900-2000* (chs. 1 & 4)

A. S. Alderson and S. K. Sanderson, "Historical European household structures and the capitalist world-economy," *J Fam Hist*, 1991.

Week 3. Gender Inequality in Comparative and Historical Perspective K. Martin and B. Voorhies, *Female of the Species*, Columbia U. Press, 1975, chs. 1 & 7-11.

R. L. Blumberg, "A general theory of gender stratification." *Soc Theory*, 1984.

S. K. Sanderson et al., "Militarist, Marxian, and non-Marxian materialist theories of gender inequality: A cross-cultural test." *Soc Forces*, 2005.

R. Collins et al., "Toward an integrated theory of gender inequality." *Soc Persp*, 1993.

Week 4. Family, Gender, and Work I

D. Furchtgott-Roth and Stolba, *Women's Figures*

M. J. Budig and P. England, "The wage penalty for motherhood," *ASR*, 2001.

J. Baxter and E. O. Wright, "The glass ceiling hypothesis: A comparative study of the United States, Sweden, and Australia," *GenD Soc*, 2000 (with critiques and reply).

L. A. Morgan, "Glass-ceiling effect or cohort effect? A longitudinal study of the gender earnings gap for engineers, 1982 to 1989," *ASR*, 1998. (with critiques and reply).

S. J. Correll, S. Benard, and I. Paik, "Getting a job: Is there a motherhood penalty?" *AJS*, 2007.

Week 5. Family, Gender, and Work II

T. Tam, "Sex segregation and occupational gender inequality in the United States: Devaluation or specialized training?" *AJS*, 1997. (with critiques and reply)

C. Percheski, "Opting out? Cohort differences in professional women's employment rates from 1960 to 2005," *ASR*, 2008.

L. Belkin, "The opt-out revolution," *New York Times*, Oct. 26, 2003.

K. R. Browne, *Biology at Work: Rethinking Sexual Equality*. Rutgers U. Press, 2002, chs. 4-6 & 10-12

A. R. Hochschild, *The Time Bind: When Work Becomes Home and Home Becomes Work*. Holt, 2001.

Week 6. Family, Race, and Ethnicity

S. Ruggles, "The origins of African-American family structure," *ASR*, 1994.

D. L. Pagnini and S. P. Morgan, "Racial differences in marriage and childbearing: Oral history evidence from the South in the early twentieth century," *AJS*, 1996.

P. Draper, "African marriage systems: Perspectives from evolutionary ecology," *Ethol Sociobio*, 1989.

Week 7. Family Change in the Twentieth Century

G. Therborn, chs. 5-6

A. J. Cherlin, "The deinstitutionalization of American marriage," *J Marr Fam*, 2004.

D. Popenoe, "American family decline, 1960-1990: A review and appraisal," *J Marr Fam*, 1993 (with critiques and reply).

S. Coontz, "The world historical transformation of marriage," *J Marr Fam*, 2004.

S. Coontz, *The Way We Never Were: American Families and the Nostalgia Trap*. Basic Books, 2000.

Week 8. Biosocial Perspectives on Family and Gender

S. K. Sanderson, *Evolution of Human Sociality*, chs. 12 & 13.

A. Booth, K. Carver, and D. A. Granger, "Biosocial perspectives on the family," *J Marr Fam*, 2000.

J. R. Udry, "Biological limits of gender construction," *ASR*, 2000 (with critiques and reply).

G. Vandermassen, *Who's Afraid of Charles Darwin? Debating Feminism and Evolutionary Theory*. Rowman & Littlefield, 2005.

Week 9. The Second Demographic Transition: The Rise of Women and the Decline of Men, I

G. Therborn, chs. 7-8

S. Sanderson and J. Dubrow, "Testing three theories of fertility decline with cross-national data," *Pop Environ*, 2000.

Worldwide fertility levels in the late 20th century.

Week 10. The Second Demographic Transition: The Rise of Women and the Decline of Men, II

C. Hakim, "A new approach to explaining fertility patterns: Preference theory," *Pop & Dev Rev*, 2003.

H. Presser, "A gender perspective for understanding low fertility decline in post-transitional societies," *Pop & Dev Rev*, 2001.

L. Tiger, *The Decline of Males*. St. Martin's Press, 1999.