

Texts:

- Adler, Peter and Patricia Adler. (2004). Paradise Laborers: Hotel Work in the Global Economy. Ithica: Cornell University Press.
- Anderson, Elijah. (1999). Code of the Streets: Decency, Violence, and the Moral Life of the Inner City. New York: WW. Norton.
- Berger, Peter L. and Thomas Luckmann. (1966). The Social Construction of Reality: A Treatise in the Sociology of Knowledge. New York: Doubleday.
- Blumer, Herbert. (1986). Symbolic Interactionism: Perspective and Method. Berkeley: University of California Press.
- Davis, Joseph E. (2005). Accounts of Innocence: Sexual Abuse, Trauma, and the Self. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Goffman, Erving. (1967). Interaction Ritual. New York: Pantheon Books.
- Hochschild, Arlie Russell. (2003). The Commercialization of Intimate Life. Berkeley: University of California Press.
- Thorne, Barrie. Gender Play: Girls and Boys in School. (1994). New York: Rutgers University Press.

- Readings available on departmental reserve (DR) and/or online (on JSTOR or as indicated)

Course Description and Objectives:

Because the academic terrain encompassed by "social psychology" is broad, contested, and permeable, this seminar focuses on sociological social psychology (sometimes called microsociology) and the conceptual leverage it provides toward answering a fundamental sociological question: How are social structure and culture related to human action/agency? Or, put differently, how do macro-level social forces influence micro-level social interaction, and vice versa? To answer these questions, we will explore the self and identity as functions of the social construction of reality in face to face interaction--interaction that is always situated historically, culturally, and hierarchically and in which meanings, and patterns of interaction, are created, maintained, and sometimes transformed. In addition, we will touch upon the role of emotions in identity work and the reproduction of inequality, and we will briefly explore the social psychology of social problems and collective action. At the end of the semester, you should have a strong sense of the contribution sociological social psychology makes to sociological analysis and have acquired some facility with its tools.

Requirements:

Attendance at seminar meetings: Everyone needs to come all the time.

Active and informed participation in seminar discussions: Quality is more important than quantity. A good discussion explores intellectual **linkages** between readings, draws **explicitly** on conceptual material, assesses its **utility**, and pushes its **boundaries**.

Requirements (cont.):

Seminar presentations on assigned readings: Each of you will be responsible for facilitating a discussion for at least two class meetings. For each, you will be expected to give a **brief** precis of key ideas and prepare questions for discussion (see above on the elements of a good discussion).

SEMINAR PAPER

The paper (of **potential** journal quality and length--25-30 pages) may be one of two types: {1} an analysis of empirical material (if you are doing research with suitable data) drawing upon particularly resonant "sensitizing concepts" (Blumer 1969:147) or demonstrating "generic social processes" (Schwalbe et al 2000) from the readings or {2} a prospectus for a microsociological research project, based on a literature review that may of necessity go beyond what we read in the seminar.

Week 1 (January 17): Orientation and Technical Matters

Week 2 (January 24): Social Interaction and the Social Construction of Self.

- Blumer, Herbert, Symbolic Interactionism: Perspective and Method.
- Cooley, Charles Horton. "The Looking Glass Self," on DR.
- Mead, George Herbert. "The Self as a Social Structure," on DR.

Week 3 (January 31): Social Interaction and the Social Construction of Reality

- Berger, Peter L. and Thomas Luckmann, The Social Construction of Reality.
- Thomas, W.I., "The Definition of the Situation," on DR.

Week 4 (February 4): Social Interaction and the Enactment of Self.

- Goffman, Erving, Interaction Ritual.

Week 5 (February 14): Situating Social Interaction

- Goffman, Erving. 1983. "The Interaction Order." American Sociological Review 48:1-17. JSTOR
- Swidler, Ann. 1986. "Culture in Action: Symbols and Strategies." American Sociological Review 51(2):273-286. JSTOR.
- Mills, C. W. 1940. "Situated Action and Vocabularies of Motive." American Sociological Review 5(6):904-913. JSTOR.
- Scott, Marvin B. and Stanford Lyman. 1968. "Accounts." American Sociological Review 33(1):46-62. JSTOR
- Stokes, Randall and John P. Hewitt. 1976. "Aligning Actions." American Sociological Review 41(5):838-849. JSTOR
- Fine, Gary Alan. 1979. "Small Groups and Culture Creation: The Ideoculture of Little League Baseball Teams." American Sociological Review 44(5):733-745. JSTOR.
- Lofland, Lyn H. 1985. "The Social Shaping of Emotion: The Case of Grief." Symbolic Interaction 8(2):171-190. On DR.

Week 6 (February 21): The Structures of Social Interaction and the Enactment of Social Structures/Social Class as an Exemplar

- Stryker, Sheldon. 1980. Excerpt from Symbolic Interactionism, on DR.
- Hughes, Everett. 1945. "Dilemmas and Contradictions of Status." American Journal of Sociology 50(5):353-359. JSTOR
- Maines, D. R. 1977. "Social Organization and Social Structure in Symbolic Interactionist Thought." Annual Review of Sociology 3:235-259. JSTOR.
- Schwalbe, M., Godwin, S., Holden, D., Schrock, D., Thompson, S. and M. Wolkomir. 2000. "Generic Processes in the Reproduction of Inequality: An Interactionist Analysis." Social Forces 79(2):419-452. JSTOR
- Padavic, I. 2005. "Laboring Under Uncertainty: Identity Renegotiation among Contingent Workers." Symbolic Interaction 28(1):111-134. Caliber
- Anderson, L. and D. Snow. 2001. "Inequality and the Self: Exploring Connections from an Interactionist Perspective." Symbolic Interaction 24(4):395-406. Caliber
- Copp, Martha. 1998. "When Emotion Work is Doomed to Fail: Ideological and Structural Constraints on Emotion Management." Symbolic Interaction 21(3):299-328. Caliber

Week 7 (February 28): Social Class as an Exemplar (cont.)

- Adler, Peter and Patricia Adler, Paradise Laborers

Week 8 (March 7): Race and Ethnicity as an Exemplar

- Blumer, Herbert [1955]2000. "Race Prejudice as a Sense of Group Position," pp. 196-207 in Selected Works of Herbert Blumer: A Public Philosophy for Mass Society, edited by S. M. Lyman and A. J. Vidich. Urbana: University of Illinois Press. On DR
- Okamura, Jonathan. 1981. "Situational Ethnicity." Ethnic and Racial Studies 4(4):452-465. Ebsco
- Rawls, A. 2000. "'Race' as an Interaction Order Phenomenon: W.E.B. Du Bois's 'Double Consciousness' Thesis Revisited." Sociological Theory 18(2):241-274. JSTOR
- Eliasoph, N. 1999. "'Everyday Racism' in a Culture of Political Avoidance: Civil Society, Speech, and Taboo." Social Problems 46(4):479-502. JSTOR
- Trepagnier, BS. 2001. "Deconstructing Categories: The Exposure of Silent Racism." Symbolic Interaction 24(2):141-163. Caliber
- Rapoport, Lomsky-Feder, and Heider. 2002. "Recollection and Relocation in Immigration: Russian-Jewish Immigrants "Normalize" Their Anti-Semitic Experiences." Symbolic Interaction 25(2):175-198. Caliber
- Marvasti, A. 2006. "Being Middle Eastern American: Identity Negotiation in the Context of the War on Terror." Symbolic Interaction 28(4):525-547. Caliber

Week 9 (March 21): Race and Ethnicity as an Exemplar (cont.)

- Anderson, Elijah, Code of the Streets.

Week 10 (March 28): Gender as an Exemplar

- Goffman, Erving. 1977. "The Arrangement Between the Sexes." Theory and Society 4(3):301-331. JSTOR
- Cahill, Spencer. 1986. "Language Practices and Self-Definition: The Case of Gender Identity Acquisition." The Sociological Quarterly 27(3):295-311. JSTOR.
- West, Candace and Don H. Zimmerman. "Doing Gender." Gender & Society 1(2):125-151. JSTOR
- Gardner, Carole Brooks. 1989. "Analyzing Gender in Public Places: Rethinking Goffman's Vision of Everyday Life." The American Sociologist 20(1):42-56. Ebsco
- West, Candace. 1996. "Goffman in Feminist Perspective." Sociological Perspectives 39(3):353-369.
- Ridgeway, Cecelia. 1997. "Interaction and the Conservation of Gender Equality: Considering Employment." American Sociological Review 62(2):218-235. JSTOR.
- Kendall, Lori. 2000. "'Oh No! I'm a Nerd!': Hegemonic Masculinity in an Online Forum." Gender and Society 14(2):256-274. JSTOR
- Hollander, Jocelyn. 2002. "Resisting Vulnerability: The Social Reconstruction of Gender in Interaction." Social Problems 49(4):474-496. JSTOR

Week 11 (April 4): Gender as an Exemplar

- Thorne, Barrie. Gender Play.

Week 12 (April 11): Normative Systems of Stratification and the Social Psychology of Deviance

- Goffman, Erving. 1959. "The Moral Career of the Mental Patient," on DR.
- Lemert, Edwin. 1962. "Paranoia and the Dynamics of Exclusion." Sociometry 25(1):2-20. JSTOR.
- Becker, Howard S. 1962. Excerpt from Outsiders, on DR
- Goffman, Erving. 1963. Excerpt from Stigma, on DR.
- Dunn, Jennifer L. 1998. "Defining Women: Notes Toward an Understanding of Structure and Agency in the Negotiation of Sex." Journal of Contemporary Ethnography 26(4):479-510. On DR.
- Fields, Jessica. 2001. "Normal Queers: Straight Parents Respond to Their Children's 'Coming Out.'" Symbolic Interaction 24(2):165-187. Caliber
- Kusow, Abdi M. 2004. "Contesting Stigma: On Goffman's Assumptions of Normative Order." Symbolic Interaction 27(2):179-197. Caliber
- Renfrow, Daniel G. 2004. "A Cartography of Passing in Everyday Life." Symbolic Interaction 27(4):485-506. Caliber

Week 13 (April 18): Emotions

- Hochschild, Arlie. 1979. "Emotion Work, Feeling Rules, and Social Structure." American Journal of Sociology 85(3):551-575. JSTOR.
- Clark, Candace. 1990. "Emotion and Micropolitics in Everyday Life: Some Patterns and Paradoxes of 'Place'," in Kemper, T. (ed), Research Agendas in the Sociology of Emotions. Suny Press, on DR.
- Cahill, Spencer and Robin Eggleston. 1994. "Managing Emotions in Public: The Case of Wheelchair Users," Social Psychology Quarterly 57:300-12 JSTOR.
- Dunn, Jennifer L. 2001. "Innocence Lost: Accomplishing Victimization in Intimate Stalking Cases." Symbolic Interaction 24(3):285-313. Caliber
- Greer, Kimberly. 2002. "Walking an Emotional Tightrope: Managing Emotions in a Women's Prison." Symbolic Interaction 25(1):117-139. Caliber
- Gottschalk, S. 2003. "Reli(e)ving the Past: Emotion Work in the Holocaust's Second Generation." Symbolic Interaction 26(2):355-380. Caliber
- Vannini, P. 2006. "Dead Poet's Society: Teaching, Publish-or-Perish, and Professors' Experience of Authenticity." Symbolic Interaction 29(2):235-257. Caliber

Week 14 (April 25): Emotions and the Reproduction of Inequality (cont.)

- Hochschild, Arlie. The Commercialization of Intimate Life.

Week 15 (May 2): The Social Psychology of Social Problems and Collective Action

- Davis, Joseph E. 2005. Accounts of Innocence.

Recommended:

- Gusfield, Joseph. 1981. The Culture of Public Problems: Drinking-Driving and the Symbolic Order. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Blumer, Herbert. 1971. "Social Problems as Collective Behavior." Social Problems 18(3):298-307. JSTOR.
- Benford, Rob and Scott Hunt. "Dramaturgy and Social Movements: The Social Construction and Communication of Power." Sociological Inquiry 62(1):36-55. JSTOR.
- Dunn, Jennifer L. 2005. "'Victims' and 'Survivors': Emerging Vocabularies of Motive for 'Battered Women Who Stay.'" Sociological Inquiry 75(1):1-30. Synergy-Blackwell