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Poverty, Public Policy, and the Life Course
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Course Description

This is a course about contemporary poverty and welfare policy in America. From a public policy perspective, there is perhaps no more contentious question than how best to fight poverty. The 1996 overhaul of the welfare system (The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act) has helped refocus our attention on America's poor and welfare dependent population. Welfare caseloads and poverty rates have dropped dramatically since the mid-1990s, but many Americans continue to suffer material hardships. Why is this the case? What can we do about it? Answers often depend on whether poverty is viewed mostly as an individual failing or as a result of larger structural forces, including economic restructuring, racial and gender discrimination, and social injustice.

A different poverty-related topic will be taken up each week in class. The format of the course will consist primarily of overview lectures (by the instructor) during the first class period of each week, followed by class discussion and student presentations during the second class period. This is not a technical course; the focus will primarily be on substantive policy issues. The overriding goal will be to expose students to current poverty and welfare policy debates and to the way that poverty researchers and policy analysts frame policy questions and analyses. The reading list will be eclectic from a disciplinary standpoint.

Background Readings

Bradley Schiller. 2004. The Economics of Poverty and Discrimination, 9th edition. New York: Prentice Hall.

Daniel T. Lichter and Martha L. Crowley. 2002. Poverty in America: Beyond Welfare Reform. Population Bulletin 57 (June). Washington DC: Population Reference Bureau.

Sheldon H. Danziger and Robert Haveman, editors. 2001. Understanding Poverty. New York: Russell Sage Foundation.

Almost all of the required class readings are available electronically as PDF's in PROQUEST, JSTOR, INGENTA, PROJECT MUSE through the Cornell University library. Core readings will be made available by the instructor on Blackboard. Students will be responsible for downloading documents and printing a hardcopy to read.

Web Resources

Several excellent websites provide up-to-date information about poverty and welfare policy issues. The basic data about U.S. poverty is available on the Census Bureau's website at <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/poverty.html>. The Census Bureau has also recently released the official U.S. poverty figures for 2005, which is worth perusing at: <http://www.census.gov/prod/2006pubs/p60-231.pdf>. For international data on income and poverty, you should consult the Luxembourg Income Study at (<http://www.lisproject.org/>).

Information about poverty and welfare policy issues is also available on the websites of several university-based poverty centers, including the National Poverty Center at the University of Michigan (<http://www.npc.umich.edu/>), Institute for Research on Poverty at the University of Wisconsin-Madison (<http://www.irp.wisc.edu/home.htm>), and the National Center for Children in Poverty at Columbia University (<http://nccp.org/about.html>). The Fragile Families Study at Princeton University (<http://crcw.princeton.edu/>) and the Three-Cities Welfare Reform Project at Johns Hopkins University (<http://www.jhu.edu/~welfare/>) also publish timely policy briefs and working papers on a variety of topics concerning welfare reform, poverty, and family well-being. They have also begun to release public use data for secondary analyses by scholars (and that includes you!).

The Urban Institute (<http://www.urban.org/welfare/index.cfm>), Brookings Institution (http://www.brookings.org/index/taxonomy.htm?taxonomy=Social%20Policy*Welfare%20reform), and Child Trends (<http://www.childtrends.org/>) also are nonpartisan "Think Tanks" that maintain informative websites about welfare reform and current public policy issues. Although these organizations have their own research staffs, they can also be viewed as "translators" of university-based research for public officials, legislative staffers, and the public policy community. Translators on the political "left" of center include, among others, the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities (<http://www.cbpp.org/>) and the Center for Law and Social Policy (<http://www.clasp.org/>). On the right are the Heritage Foundation (<http://www.heritage.org/>) and CATO (<http://www.cato.org/>).

A number of prominent and highly-respected research organizations, such as Mathematica, Abt Associates, and Manpower Demonstration Research Corporation (MDRC) also do welfare evaluation research for states on a contract basis. These organizations provide dispassionate analysis and generally objective accounts of welfare success or failure at the state level.

Finally, the Economic Success Clearinghouse (<http://www.financeproject.org/irc/win.asp>) also provides up-to-date information on policy choices, promising practices, program and financial data, funding sources, federal and state legislation and plans, program and management tools, and technical assistance. You are encouraged to sign up for their listservs to stay abreast of new developments on welfare policy.

Course Requirements

Students will be graded on the basis of the following requirements:

- (1) Participation in classroom discussion and weekly comments on readings. Diverse points of view are welcome in this class. Your active participation contributes to a more stimulating and

interesting seminar. Class participation also provides evidence on whether the reading materials have been read, assimilated, and critiqued. Finally, the development of oral communication skills in the classroom is an important aspect of overall professional development.

To encourage participation and an open discussion, you are required to prepare in advance of class short written comments and/or discussion question or two on some aspect of the week's readings. Comments can vary in length, but should be no more than a short paragraph. You may draw on your own research, personal experiences and beliefs, and so forth, to develop a comment in reaction to a theme or key point made in the readings. These comments may support, refute, or otherwise elaborate on some key theme or point. They should not be a simple regurgitation of what the author says. In crafting your comments, keep in mind that the intent is to help us frame the issues from different disciplinary, political, or personal perspectives and to spark classroom discussion.

Your comments should be uploaded on Blackboard no later than 7 p.m. on the evening (usually Wednesday) before the class meets to discuss readings.

- (2) Book Review. Obviously, during a short 14-week period, we cannot cover all of the many important recently-published books on the topic of poverty and its many dimensions. I am asking each student to read and prepare a 600-to-700-word review (modeled after the typical book reviews published in referred journals) on a book that has some relevance to the topics covered in this class and that bear on a particular substantive interests or disciplinary background.

Recommended books are listed below under each topical heading; alternative book selections must be approved by the instructor. For example, you may want to read something on comparative international poverty trends, rural poverty, racial and gender inequality, marriage promotion and single motherhood, the working poor, or one of the many ethnographies on "living below the poverty line."

Book reviews should be distributed to your classmates in advance of a ten minute presentation of the major issues or themes raised in the book. These presentations will begin in the third week of class.

- (3) Paper Project. Several paper options are available to students. If you are a Ph.D. student, you are expected to either: (a) develop a research problem for analysis with original empirical data (i.e., write a journal-like article), or (b) prepare a detailed research proposal in which the literature (on some topic) is reviewed, a research problem and hypotheses are formulated, and the study design, data sources, and analyses are clearly delineated. If you choose (a) above, working in tandem with one or two other students is encouraged.

Empirical papers should be in journal format and be of journal length (i.e., 20-30 pages total, including tables and references). I would like to see some publishable papers produced in this class. As a short-term intermediate goal, you might consider submitting your class paper to the annual meetings of the Association of Policy Analysis and Management (i.e., for the March 2007 submission deadline) or Population Association of America.

If you are a masters-level or undergraduate student, you have the option of choosing (a) or (b) above, or you may choose to (c) write a "survey" paper (i.e., review, criticize and synthesize the literature) on a topic of your choice on a poverty- or welfare-related topic.

All paper topics must be approved by February 28, 2007. The variety of potential topics is limited only by your imagination. Illustrative topics include: international comparisons of the causes and consequences of poverty; the effects of welfare on child development; homelessness; consumption patterns among the poor; chaos in poor children's lives; differences in attitudes or values between the poor and nonpoor; welfare reform and well-being of immigrants; geographic mobility among the poor and welfare dependent; explanations for the race gap in poverty; and childbearing among unwed welfare mothers. I am happy to discuss topics with you and help you identify an appropriate and researchable topic for your paper.

Deferred or incomplete grades will be given only under unusual circumstances (e.g., illness).

Tentative Schedule of Topics and Readings

The topics covered in this course will follow the tentative weekly schedule below. Topics may change during the semester to better reflect student interests or the publication during the semester of particularly relevant articles or the emergence of new policy debates.

Everyone is required to read the assigned core readings (noted by *). The other readings are highly recommended or may form the basis for your "weekly comment." Read those that interest you most. I also may on occasion assign additional reading material – mostly short, non-technical policy briefs or reports – to augment the weekly core and supplemental readings below.

Each week, some of you will be assigned an additional paper from the reading list for presentation and discussion in class. The goal is stimulate and discuss policy questions. You may find it useful to prepare a one-page summary for distribution before or during the class period.

Week 1 (January 23& 25): Overview of Poverty Research and Welfare Legislation

*Bradley Schiller. 2004. The Economics of Poverty and Discrimination, 9th edition. New York: Prentice Hall. Chapters 1-3.

*Lichter, Daniel T. and Martha L. Crowley. 2002. Poverty in America: Beyond Welfare Reform. Population Bulletin 57 (June). Washington DC: Population Reference Bureau.

*Blank, Rebecca M. 2002. "Evaluating Welfare Reform in the United States." Journal of Economic Literature 40:1105-1166.

Daniel T. Lichter and Rukamalie Jayakody. 2002. "Welfare Reform: How Do We Measure Success?" Annual Review of Sociology 28:117-141.

Karen Seccombe. 2000. "Families in Poverty in the 1990s: Trends, Causes, Consequences, and Lessons Learned." Journal of Marriage and Families 62:1094-1113.

Daniel T. Lichter. 1997. "Poverty and Inequality among Children." Annual Review of Sociology 23:121-145.

Suzanne M. Bianchi. 1999. "Feminization and Juvenilization of Poverty: Trends, Relative Risks, Causes, and Consequences." Annual Review of Sociology 25:307-333.

Week 2 (January 30 & February 1): Measurement Issues: Alternative Measures of Poverty, Material Hardship, and International Comparisons

*Bradley Schiller. 2004. The Economics of Poverty and Discrimination, 9th edition. New York: Prentice Hall. Chapter 3

*Gary Burtless and Timothy M. Smeeding. 2002. "The Level, Trend, and Composition of Poverty." Chapter 1 in Understanding Poverty (edited by Sheldon H. Danziger and Robert H. Haveman). Cambridge MA: Harvard University Press.

*John Iceland. 2005. "Measuring Poverty: Theoretical and Empirical Considerations." Measurement: Interdisciplinary Research and Perspectives 3(No. 4):207-243.

Rejoinders:

Daniel T. Lichter 2005. "In Search of the 'Best' Poverty Measure." Measurement: Interdisciplinary Research and Perspectives 3(No. 4):261-266.

Timothy M. Smeeding. 2005. "Measuring Poverty and Deprivation in a United States Context: Some Additional Considerations." Measurement: Interdisciplinary Research and Perspectives 3(No. 4):266-268

*Susan E. Mayer and Christopher Jencks. 1989. "Poverty and the Distribution of Material Hardship." Journal of Human Resources 24:88-114.

*Katherine S. Newman, Rebekah Peeples Massengill. 2006. "The Texture of Hardship: Qualitative Sociology of Poverty, 1995-2005." Annual Review of Sociology 32:423-446.

John Iceland. 2000. "The Family/Couple/Household Unit of Measurement in Poverty Estimation." Journal of Economic and Social Measurement 26: 1-13.

David Brady. 2003. "Rethinking the Sociological Measurement of Poverty." Social Forces 81: 715-751.

Kurt Bauman. 1999. "Shifting Family Definitions: The Effect of Cohabitation and Other Nonfamily Household Relationships on Measures of Poverty." Demography 36:315-325.

John Mirowsky and Catherine E. Ross. 1999. "Economic hardship Across the Life Course." American Sociological Review 64:548-569.

Katherine Short. 2005. "Material and Financial Hardship and Income-Based Poverty Measures in the USA." Journal of Social Policy 34:21-38.

Asena Caner and Edward N. Wolff. 2004. "Asset Poverty in the United States, 1984-99: Evidence from the Panel Study of Income Dynamics." Review of Income and Wealth (4): 493-518.

Week 3 (February 6 & 8): Demographic Approaches: The Effects of Changing Population Composition**

*Bradley Schiller. 2004. The Economics of Poverty and Discrimination, 9th edition. New York: Prentice Hall. Chapters 6-7.

*Maria Cancian and Deborah Reed. 2002. "Changes in Family Structure: Implications for Poverty and Related Policy." Chapter 2 in Understanding Poverty (edited by Sheldon H. Danziger and Robert H. Haveman). New York and Cambridge: Russell Sage Foundation and Harvard University Press.

*Daniel T. Lichter, Zhenchao Qian, and Martha L. Crowley. 2005. "Child Poverty Among Racial Minorities and Immigrants: Explaining Trends and Differentials." Social Science Quarterly 86:1037-1059.

*Timothy M. Smeeding, Lee Rainwater, and Gary Burtless. 2002. "U.S. Poverty in a Cross-national Context." Chapter 5 in Understanding Poverty (edited by Sheldon H. Danziger and Robert H. Haveman). Cambridge MA: Harvard University Press.

Donald J. Hernandez. 2004. "Demographic Change and the Life Circumstances of Immigrant Families." Future of Children 14(2):17-47

Daniel T. Lichter and Martha L. Crowley. 2004. "Welfare Reform and Child Poverty: The Effects of Work, Marriage, and Cohabitation." Social Science Research 33: 385-408.

Jennifer Van Hook, Susan L. Brown, and Maxwell Ndigume Kwenda. 2004. "A Decomposition of Trends in Poverty Among Immigrant Children." Demography 41:649-670.

Manning, Wendy D., and Susan Brown. 2006. "Children's Economic Well-Being in Married and Cohabiting Parent Families." Journal of Marriage and the Family 68:345-362.

RECOMMENDED BOOKS:

John Iceland. 2003. Poverty in America: A Handbook. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Lee Rainwater and Timothy M. Smeeding. 2003. Poor Kids in a Rich Country. New York: Russell Sage Foundation.

Week 4 (February 13 & 15): Work, Welfare, and the Economy

*Bradley Schiller. 2004. The Economics of Poverty and Discrimination, 9th edition. New York: Prentice Hall. Chapters 4-5, 11-14.

*Robert Haveman and Jonathan Schwabish. 2000. "Has Macroeconomic Performance Regained its Antipoverty Bite?" Contemporary Economic Policy 18:415-427.

*Richard B. Freeman. 2002. "The Rising Tide Lifts . . .?" Chapter 3 in Understanding Poverty (edited by Sheldon H. Danziger and Robert H. Haveman). New York and Cambridge: Russell Sage Foundation and Harvard University Press.

*Mary Corcoran, Sandra K. Danziger, Ariel Kalil, Karen S. Seefeldt. 2000. "How Welfare Reform is Affecting Women's Work." Annual Review of Sociology 26:241-69.

John Karl Scholz and Kara Levine. 2002. "The Evolution of Income Support Policy in Recent Decades." Chapter 6 in Understanding Poverty (edited by Sheldon H. Danziger and Robert H. Haveman). New York and Cambridge: Russell Sage Foundation and Harvard University Press.

Rebecca M. Blank, Sheldon H. Danziger, and Robert F. Schoeni. 2006. "Work and Poverty During the Past Quarter-Century. Pp. 1-20 Working and Poor: How Economic and Policy Changes are Affecting Low-Wage Workers (Eds., Blank et al.). New York: Russell Sage Foundation.

LaDonna A. Pavetti. 2002. "Welfare Policy in Transition: Redefining the Social Contract for Poor Citizen Family with Children and for Immigration." Chapter 7 in Understanding Poverty (edited by Sheldon H. Danziger and Robert H. Haveman). New York and Cambridge: Russell Sage Foundation and Harvard University Press.

Lynn A. Karoly. 2002. "Investing in the Future: Reducing Poverty Through Human Capital Investments." Chapter 2 in Understanding Poverty (edited by Sheldon H. Danziger and Robert H. Haveman). New York and Cambridge: Russell Sage Foundation and Harvard University Press.

Craig Gunderson and James P. Ziliak. 2004. "Poverty and Macroeconomic Performance Across Space, Race, and Family Structure." Demography 41:61-86.

Rebecca M. Blank. 2001. "What Causes Public Assistance Caseloads to Grow?" Journal of Human Resources 36:85-118.

Sheldon Danziger, Colleen M. Heflin, Mary E. Corcoran, Elizabeth Oltmans, and Hui-Cheng Wang. "Does it Pay to Move from Welfare to Work?" Journal of Policy Analysis and Management 21:671-692.

RECOMMENDED BOOKS:

Lawrence Mishel, Jared Bernstein, and Sylvia Allegretto. 2006. The State of Working America 2006-07. Washington, DC: Economic Policy Institute.

Jeffrey Grogger and Lynn A. Karoly. 2005. Welfare Reform: Effects of a Decade of Change. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.

David K. Shipler. 2005. The Working Poor: Invisible in America. New York: Vintage.

Week 5 (February 20 & 22): Poverty and Welfare Dynamics: Intra- and Inter-Generational Dimensions of Economic Dependency

*Mary Corcoran. 2000. "Mobility, Persistence, and the Consequences of Poverty for Children: Child and Adult Outcomes." Chapter 4 in Understanding Poverty (edited by Sheldon H. Danziger and Robert H. Haveman). New York and Cambridge: Russell Sage Foundation and Harvard University Press.

*Emily Beller and Michael Hout. 2006. "Intergenerational Social Mobility: The United States in Comparative Perspective." The Future of Children 16:19-36.

*Melissa S. Kearney. 2006. "Intergenerational Mobility for Women and Minorities in the United States." The Future of Children 16:37-53.

*Mary Jo Bane and David Ellwood. 1986. "Slipping In and Out of Poverty: The Dynamics of Spells." Journal of Human Resources 21:1-23.

*Sandra L. Hofferth, S. Stanhope, and Kathleen M. Harris. 2005. "Remaining off Welfare in the 1990s: The Influence of Public Policy and Economic Conditions." Social Science Research 34:426-453.

Colleen M. Heflin. 2006. "Dynamics of Material Hardship in the Women's Employment Study." Social Service Review 80:377-397.

Kelly A. Musick, and Robert A. Mare. 2006. "Recent Trends in the Inheritance of Poverty and Family Structure" Social Science Research 35:471-499.

Ann Huff Stevens. 1999. "Climbing Out of Poverty, Falling Back In: Measuring the Persistence of Poverty Over Multiple Spells." Journal of Human Resources 34:557-588.

Mark R. Rank and Thomas A. Hirschl. 2001. "The Occurrence of Poverty Across the Life Cycle: Evidence from the PSID." Journal of Policy Analysis and Management 20:737-755.

Kathleen M. Harris. 1996. "Life After Welfare: Women, Work, and Repeat Dependency." American Sociological Review 61:407-426.

Robert L. Wagmiller, Jr., Mary Clare Lennon, Li Kuang, Philip Alberti, and J. Lawrence Aber. 2006. "The Dynamics of Economic Disadvantage and Children's Life Changes." American Sociological Review 71:847-866.

Gregory Acs, K. R. Phillips, and Sandi Nelson. 2005. "The Road Not Taken? Changes in Welfare Entry During the 1990s." Social Science Quarterly 86:1060-1079.

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

Kathleen Mullan Harris. 1997. Teen Mothers and the Revolving Welfare Door. Temple University Press.

Samuel Bowles, Steven N. Durlauf, and Karla Hoff (eds.). 2006. Poverty Traps. New York: Russell Sage Foundation.

Week 6 (February 27 & March 1): Inequality and Changing Distribution of Income and Wealth: Poverty Amidst Affluence

*Christopher Jencks. 2002. "Does Inequality Matter?" Daedalus 131:49-65.

*Peter Gottschalk and Sheldon Danziger. 2005. "Inequality of Wage Rates, Earnings and Family Income in the United States, 1975-2002." Review of Income and Wealth 2:231-254.

*Molly A. Martin. 2006. "Family Structure and Income Inequality in Families with Children, 1976 to 2000." Demography 43:421-445.

*Sara McLanahan. 2004. "Diverging Destinies: How Children are Faring under the Second Demography Transition." Demography 41:607-627.

*Daniel T. Lichter, Zhenchao Qian, and Martha L. Crowley. 2006. "Race and Poverty: Divergent Fortunes of American Children." Focus 23(Fall-Winter):8-16.

Maria Cancian and Deborah Reed. 1999. "The Impact of Wives' Earnings on Income Inequality: Issues and Estimates." Demography 36:173-184.

Timothy M. Smeeding. 2005. "Public Policy, Economic Inequality, and Poverty: The United States in Comparative Perspective." Social Science Quarterly 86:955-983.

Daniel T. Lichter and David J. Eggebeen. 1993. "Rich Kids, Poor Kids: Changing Income Inequality among American children." Social Forces 71: 761-780.

Peter Gottschalk and Timothy M. Smeeding. 1997. "Cross-National Comparisons of Earnings and Income Inequality." Journal of Economic Literature 35:633-687.

Laurie Krivo and Robert L. Kaufman. 2004. "Housing and Wealth Inequality: Racial-Ethnic Differences in Home Equity in the United States." Demography 41:585-605.

Martina Morris and Bruce Western. 1999. "Inequality in Earnings at the Close of the Twentieth Century." Annual Review of Sociology 25:623-657.

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

Glenn Firebaugh. 2005. The New Geography of Global Income Inequality. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.

Annette Lareau. 2003. Unequal Childhoods: Class, Race, and Family Life. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press.

Lisa A. Keister. 2004. Wealth in America: Trends in Wealth Inequality. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Week 7 (March 6 & 8): Poverty, Welfare, and Union Transitions: Is Marriage a Panacea?

*Adam Thomas and Isabel Sawhill. 2002. "For Richer or for Poorer: Marriage as an Antipoverty Strategy." Journal of Policy Analysis and Management 21: 587-599.

*Marianne P. Bitler, Jonah B. Gelbach, Hilary W. Hoynes, and Madeline Zavodny. 2004. "The Impact of Welfare Reform on Marriage and Divorce." Demography 41:213-236.

*Daniel T. Lichter, Deborah Roempke Graefe, and J. Brian Brown. 2003. "Is Marriage a Panacea? Union Formation Among Economically Disadvantaged Unwed Mothers." Social Problems 50:60-86.

*Kathryn Edin. 2000. "What Do Low-Income Single Mothers Say about Marriage?" Social Problems 47:112-133.

*M. Robin Dion. 2006. "Healthy Marriage Promotion: Learning What Works." Future of Children 15:139-156.

Kenney, Catherine. 2004. "Cohabiting Couple, Filing Jointly? Resource Pooling and U.S. Poverty Policies." Family Relations 53:237-247

Anna Gassman-Pines and Hirokazu Yoshikawa. 2006. "Five-Year Effects of an Anti-Poverty Program on Marriage Among Never-Married Mothers." Journal of Policy Analysis and Management 25:11-30.

Maria Carlson, Irwin Garfinkel, Sara McLanahan S, Ron Mincy, and Wendell Primus. 2004. "The Effects of Welfare and Child Support Policies on Union Formation." Population Research and Policy Review 23:513-542.

John M. Fitzgerald and David C. Ribar. 2004. "Welfare Reform and Female Headship." Demography 41:189-212.

Lisa A. Gennetian and Virginia Knox. 2004. "The Effects of a Minnesota Welfare Reform Program on Marital Stability Six Years Later." Population Research and Policy Review 23:567-593.

Arline T. Geronimus and Sanders Korenman. 1992. "The Socioeconomic Consequences of Teen Childbearing Reconsidered." Quarterly Journal of Economics 107:1187-214.

Seth Sanders, V. Joseph Hotz, and S. McElroy. 2005. "Teenage Childbearing and Its Life Cycle Consequences: Exploiting a Natural Experiment." Journal of Human Resources 40:683-715.

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

Kathryn Edin and Maria J. Kefalas. 2005. Promises I Can Keep: Why Poor Women Put Motherhood Before Marriage. Berkeley: University of Chicago Press.

Jason DeParle. 2005. American Dream: Three Women, Ten Kids, and a Nation's Drive to End Welfare. New York: Penguin.

Week 8 (March 13 & 15): Concentration of Poverty: The Urban Underclass Debate

*Bradley Schiller. 2004. The Economics of Poverty and Discrimination, 8th edition. New York: Prentice Hall. Chapters 8, 15.

*John Yinger. 2002. "Housing Discrimination and Residential Segregation as Causes of Poverty." Chapter 10 in Understanding Poverty (edited by Sheldon H. Danziger and Robert H. Haveman). New York and Cambridge: Russell Sage Foundation and Harvard University Press.

*Erol R. Ricketts and Isabel V. Sawhill. 1988. "Defining and Measuring the Underclass." Journal of Policy Analysis and Management 7:316-325.

*Paul A. Jargowsky. 2003. Stunning Progress, Hidden Problems: The Dramatic Decline of Concentrated Poverty in the 1990s. Center for Urban and Metropolitan Poverty. Washington DC. Brookings Institution.

*Lincoln Quillian. 1999. "Migration Patterns and the Growth of High-Poverty Neighborhoods, 1970-1990." American Journal of Sociology 105:1-37.

Ronald F. Ferguson. 2002. "Community Revitalization, Jobs and the Well-being of the Inner-City Poor." Chapter 12 in Understanding Poverty (edited by Sheldon H. Danziger and Robert H. Haveman). New York and Cambridge: Russell Sage Foundation and Harvard University Press.

William Julius Wilson. 1991. "Studying Inner-City Social Dislocations: The Challenge of Public Agenda Research." American Sociological Review 56:1-14.

Maria L. Small and Katherine Newman. 2001. "Urban Poverty after The Truly Disadvantaged: The Rediscovery of the Family, the Neighborhood, and Culture." Annual Review of Sociology 27:23-45.

Scott J. South, Kyle Crowder, and E. Chavez. 2005. "Exiting and Entering High-Poverty Neighborhoods: Latinos, Blacks, and Anglos Compared." Social Forces 84:873-900.

David J. Harding. 2003. "Counterfactual Models of Neighborhood Effects: The Effect of Neighborhood Poverty on Dropping Out and Teenager Pregnancy." American Journal of Sociology 110:676-719.

Rebecca Yang and Paul A. Jargowsky. 2006. "Suburban Development and Economic Segregation in the 1990s." Journal of Urban Affairs 28:253-273.

Thomas Cooke and Sarah Marchant. 2006. "The Changing Intrametropolitan Location of High-Poverty neighborhoods in the U.S., 1990-2000." Urban Studies 43:1971-1989.

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

Mark D. Partridge and Dan S. Rickman. 2006. The Geography of American Poverty: Is there a Need for Place-Based Policies. Kalamazoo, MI: W.E. Upjohn Institute.

Elijah Anderson. 2000. Streetwise: Race, Class, and Change in an Urban Community. New York: W.W. Norton & Company.

Frank F. Furstenberg Jr., Thomas D. Cook, Jacquelynne Eccles, Jr., Glen H. Elder. 2000. Managing to Make It: Urban Families and Adolescent Success. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Week 9 (March 20 & 22): Spring Break (NO CLASS)

Week 10 (March 27 & 29): Spatial Dimensions of Rural Poverty

*Bruce Weber, Leif Jensen, Kathy Miller, Jane M. Mosley, and Monica Fisher. 2005. "A Critical Review of Rural Poverty Literature: Is There Truly a Rural Effect?" International Regional Science Review 28: 381-414.

*J. Brian Brown and Daniel T. Lichter. 2004. "Poverty, Welfare, and the Livelihood Strategies of Nonmetropolitan Single Mothers." Rural Sociology 69:282-301.

*Cynthia M. Duncan. 1996. "Understanding Persistent Poverty: Social Class Context in Rural Communities." Rural Sociology 61:103-124.

* Daniel T. Lichter and Leif Jensen. 2002. "Rural America in Transition: Poverty and Welfare at the Turn of the Twenty-First Century." Pp. 77-110 in Rural Dimensions of Welfare Reform (edited by Bruce A. Weber, Greg J. Duncan, and Leslie A. Whitener). Kalamazoo, MI: W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research.

*Paul R. Voss, David D. Long, Roger B. Hammer, and Samantha Friedman. 2006. "County Child Poverty Rates in the U.S.: A Spatial Regression Approach." Population Research and Policy Review 25:369-391.

Mark Nord, A.E. Luloff, and Leif Jensen. 1995. "Migration and the Spatial Concentration of Poverty." Rural Sociology 60:399-415.

Anastasia R. Snyder and Diane K. McLaughlin. 2004. "Female-Headed Families and Poverty in Rural America." Rural Sociology 69:127-149.

Anastasia R. Synder, Diane K. McLaughlin, and Jill Findesi. 2006. "Household Composition and Poverty Among Female-Headed Households with Children: Differences by Race and Residence." Rural Sociology 71:597-624.

Daniel T. Lichter, and Kenneth Johnson. 2007. "The Changing Spatial Concentration of America's Rural Poor Population." Rural Sociology 72:forthcoming.

Martha L. Crowley, Daniel T. Lichter, and Zhenchao Qian. 2006. "Beyond Gateway Cities: Economic Restructuring and Poverty among Mexican Immigrant Families and Children." Family Relations 55(July).

Craig Gundersen. 2006. "Are the Effects of the Macroeconomy and Social Policies on Poverty Different in Nonmetro Areas in the United States?" Rural Sociology 71:545-572.

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

Cynthia M. Duncan. 1999. Worlds Apart: Why Poverty Persists in Rural America. Yale University Press.

Gene F. Summers, Mark H. Harvey, David Mushinski, and Kathleen Ann Pickering. 2006. Welfare Reform in Persistent Rural Poverty: Dreams, Disenchantments, And Diversity (Rural Studies). University Park, PA: Penn State University Press.

Philip Martin, Michael Fix, and J. Edward Taylor. 2006. The New Rural Poverty. Washington, DC: The New Urban Poverty.

Week 11 (April 3 & 5): Beliefs about the Poor

*Barrett A. Lee, S.H. Jones, and D.W. Lewis. "Public Beliefs about the Causes of Homelessness." Social Forces 69:253-265.

*Catherine Cozzarelli, Anna V. Wilkinson, and Michael J. Tagler. 2001. "Attitudes Toward the Poor and Attributions for Poverty." Journal of Social Issues 57:207-227.

* Martin Gilens. 1996. "Race and Poverty in America - Public Misperceptions and the American News Media." Public Opinion Quarterly 60:515-541.

*Bernice Lott. 2002. "Cognitive and Behavioral Distancing from the Poor." American Psychologist 57:100-110.

*Matthew O Hunt. 1996. "The Individual, Society, or Both? A Comparison of Black, Latino, and White Beliefs about the Causes of Poverty." Social Forces 75:293-322.

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