

Department of Sociology Harvard University

SOC 2265: Culture, Inequality, Recognition

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We will be meeting on Mondays between 9:45-11:45 in WJH 450. My office hours are on Thursday pm (variable times) and by appointment. If you wish to meet with me, please reach out to Lisa Albert at labert@fas.harvard.edu

Objectives:

This seminar will focus on recent research in cultural sociology and sociology more broadly. It will consider topics such as: How does culture contribute to inequality? Where does cultural change come from? How do groups gain recognition? How is the public sphere structured? It will also consider cultural processes and sociological explanations by focusing on new developments in microsociology, the sociology of morality, and evaluation.

Throughout the semester we will pay special attention to how the authors we read mobilize and connect theory and data. We will also be reflexive concerning how we can use their work to feed our own thinking about the topics at hand. Thus, the seminar will also be a context for explicit apprenticeship about the process of research and knowledge production in sociology.

Three of the authors we cover will be presenting in the Culture and Social Analysis and the Economic Sociology workshop during the spring semester (Bill Sewell, Randall Collins, and Chris Bail). Attending their presentation will be a useful complement to the course, and a requirement. (I am exploring arranging separate sessions with them for our course.)

The course is primarily oriented toward students who are planning to do research in cultural sociology and inequality but will also be of interest to scholars working in fields such as race and ethnicity, education, organization, poverty, inequality, public policy, and other fields. The course is open to students from other disciplines and universities, pending my approval. Please email me at mlamont@wjh.harvard.edu.

Meeting format:

Meetings will start with a short lecture where I will locate the week's material in the analytical arc that we will be developing together throughout the semester. I will situate authors within the sociological landscape and briefly describe how their respective contributions connect to one another and to the broader corpus covered in the course. This will be followed by a more detailed presentation of the readings and a class discussion lead by seminar participants.

Course requirements:

- 1) **Two memos on weekly readings** (topics to be selected at the end of the first session). These memos of a **maximum length of three double-spaced pages** should be uploaded on canvas by **Sunday morning** so that they can be read by other seminar participants and feed our discussion. These memos should raise substantive and critical issues to be discussed in class. They should also comment and reflect on the methodological approaches used by the authors and how they combine theory and data (if applicable).
- 2) **Two class presentations of the weekly readings** on dates when you are not writing memos (also to be selected at the end of the first session). On these weeks you will be the seminar leader and in charge of animating the discussion.
- 3) You are asked to write a **short research paper "without results,"** which is due on **Thursday, May 16**. This proto-paper should include a research question, a theoretical argument/starting point and positioning in the relevant current literatures, a description of the case and research design, and a plan for data collection and data analysis. This paper should be a **maximum length of 20 double-spaces pages** (excluding references). My goal is to have you use the course as a context in which you start developing a paper that could turn into a journal submission. Please email me a **three-page paper outline/blueprint** on by **Monday, April 8th**.
- 4) You are asked to **present a sketch of your paper** during the last week of April and to use feedback to prepare the final draft.
- 5) **Participation and preparedness** are an essential component of the seminar. You are expected to be an active seminar participant and to come to meetings fully prepared. I have limited the readings to six per session (which I will consider adjusting if needed). You will get the most out of the seminar if you spread these readings throughout the week in order to give yourself time to ponder the papers and their connections.

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| Class memos and presentations: | 35% |
| Participation | 15% |
| Paper: | 50% |

Students who have no background in cultural sociology would benefit from spending some time familiarizing themselves with the state of the field by leafing through the following synthetic volumes, which are available at the reserve of the Lamont Library:

Sewell, Jr. William H. 2005. "The Concept(s) of Culture." Pp. 152-174 in *Logics of History: Social Theory and Social Transformation*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Griswold, Wendy. 1994. *Cultures and Societies in a Changing World*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Pine Forge Press.

Spillman, Lynette, ed. 2002. *Cultural Sociology*. New York: Blackwell.

Weekly readings will be made available on the course website. Optional readings are available online or on reserve at Lamont Library. **Readings for Week 1 will be distributed via email** as access to the course website won't be available before registration. Please contact Lisa Albert at lalbert@fas.harvard.edu with any questions.

Week 1 (January 28): Our Conceptual Tool-Kit. Part 1

Swidler, Ann. 1986. "Culture in Action: Symbols and Strategies." *American Sociological Review* 51 (2): 273-286.

Somers, Margaret R. 1994. "The Narrative Constitution of Identity: A Relational and Network Approach." *Theory and Society* 23 (5): 605-649.

Lamont, M. 2018 'Addressing Recognition Gaps: Destigmatization and the Reduction of Inequality', *American Sociological Review* 83(3): 419-44.

Lamont, Michèle, and Mario Small. 2008. "How Culture Matters: Enriching Our Understanding of Poverty." Pp. 76-102 in *The Colors of Poverty: Why Racial and Ethnic Disparities Persist*, edited by D. Harris and A. Lin. New York, NY: Russell Sage Foundation.

Optional:

Geertz, Clifford. 1973. "Thick Description: Toward an Interpretive Theory of Culture" Pp. 3-30 in *The Interpretation of Cultures*. New York: Basic Books.

Berger, Peter, and Thomas Luckman. 1966. *The Social Construction of Reality*. New York: Double Day, 19-104. [On reserve at Lamont Library].

Meyer, John W. and Brian Rowan. 1977. "Institutional Organizations: Formal Structure as Myth and Ceremony." *American Journal of Sociology* 83: 340-63.

Anderson, Benedict R. 1983 *Imagined Communities: Reflections on the Origin and Spread of Nationalism*, London: Verso.

DiMaggio, Paul, and Walter W. Powell. 1983. "The Iron Cage Revisited: Institutional Isomorphism and Collective Rationality in Organizational Fields." *American Sociological Review* 48 (2): 147-160.

Brubaker, Roger and Frederick Cooper. 2000. "Beyond Identity." *Theory and Society* 29: 1-47.

Week 2 (February 4): Our Conceptual Tool-Kit. Part 2

Sewell, Jr., William H. 1992. "A Theory of Structure: Duality, Agency, and Transformation." *American Journal of Sociology* 98 (1): 1-29.

DiMaggio, Paul. 1997. "Culture and Cognition." *Annual Review of Sociology* 23: 263-287.

Sewell Jr., William H. 2005. *Logic of History*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 318-372.

Lamont, Michèle, Stefan Beljean, and Matthew Clair. 2014. "What is Missing? Cultural Processes and Causal Pathways to Inequality." *Socioeconomic Review* 12 (3): 573-608.

Optional:

Vaisey, Stephen. 2008. "Socrates, Skinner and Aristotle: Three Ways of Thinking about Culture in Action." *Sociological Forum* 23: 603-613.

Swidler, Ann. 2008. "Comment on Stephen Vaisey's 'Socrates, Skinner, and Aristotle: Three Ways of Thinking about Culture in Action.'" *Sociological Forum* 23: 614-618.

Vaisey, Stephen. 2008. "Reply to Ann Swidler." *Sociological Forum* 23: 619-622.

Alexander, Jeffrey. 2010 "The Strong Program: Origins, Achievements, and Prospects." Pp. 13-24 in *Handbook of Cultural Sociology*, edited by J. Hall and L. Grindstaff. New York: Routledge. [On reserve at Lamont Library].

Week 3 (February 11): How Can Cultural Sociology Help us Understand Current Political Challenges?

Baldassari, D and A. Gelman. 2008. "Partisans without Constraint: Political Polarization and Trends in American Public Opinion." *American Journal of Sociology* 114 (2), 408-446.

Polletta Francesca and J Callahan. 2017. "Deep Stories, Nostalgia Narratives and Fake News: Storytelling in the Trump Era." *American Journal of Cultural Sociology*. 4 (3): 392-408.

Berezin, Mabel. Forthcoming. "Fascism and Populism: Are they Useful Categories for Comparative Sociological Analysis." *Annual Review of Sociology*.

Lamont, Michèle. Forthcoming. "From *Having* to *Being*: Self-Worth and the Current Crisis of American Society." *British Journal of Sociology*

Simonsen, Kristina B and B Bonikowski. Forthcoming. "Is Civic Nationalism Necessarily Inclusive? Conceptions of Nationhood and Anti-Muslim Attitudes in Europe." *European Journal of Political Research*.

Optional:

Lamont, Michèle, Bo Yun Park, and Elena Ayala-Hurtado. 2017. "[Trump's Electoral Speeches and His Appeal to the American White Working Class](#)". *British Journal of Sociology* 68 (S1): S153-S180.

Bail, Christopher A., et al. 2018. "Exposure to Opposing Views on Social Media can Increase Political Polarization" PNAS <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.1804840115>.

Braunstein, Ruth. 2018. "Boundary-Work and the dDmarcation of Civil From Uncivil Protest in the United States: Control, Legitimacy, and Political Inequality" *Theory and Society* 47 (5), 603-633.

Mast, Jason and Jeffrey Alexander, eds. 2019. *The Politics of Meaning/Meanings of Politics. Cultural Sociology of the 2016 Us. Presidential Elections*. London: Palgrave.

February 18: Presidents Day (no class)

**Week 4 (February 25): Cultural Diffusion (1): The Role of Cultural Intermediaries
Talk by William Sewell, Jr. in the Culture Workshop, February 26 (12-2)**

Schudson, Michael. 1989. "How Culture Works: Perspectives from Media Studies on the Efficacy of Symbols." *Theory and Society* 18:153-180.

Eyal, Gil and Buchholz, Larissa. 2010. "From the Sociology of Intellectuals to the Sociology of Interventions," *Annual Review of Sociology* 36: 117-137.

Clair, Matthew, Caitlin Daniel, and Michèle Lamont. 2016. "Destigmatization and Health: Cultural Constructions and the Long-Term Reduction of Stigma". *Social Science and Medicine* 165:223-232.

Lei, Ya-Wen 2017. *The Contentious Public Sphere*. Princeton: Princeton University Press,

Chapter 1 and 2, pp. 1-34.

Hallett, Tim, Michael Sauder, and Orla Stapleton. Forthcoming. "Public Ideas: Their Varieties and Career." *American Sociological Review*.

Optional:

Starr, Paul. 2005 *The Creation of the Media: Political Origins of Modern Communications*, New York, NY: Basic Books.

Rodney Benson and Daniel C. Hallin. 2007. "How States, Markets and Globalization Shape the News: The French and U.S. National Press, 1965-1997." *European Journal of Communication* 22, 1 (March): 27-48.

Igo, Sarah 2007 *The Averaged American: Surveys, Citizens, and the Making of a Mass Public*, Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.

Mora, Christina. 2014. *Making Hispanics: How Activists, Bureaucrats, and Media Constructed a New American*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Week 5 (March 4): Cultural Diffusion (2): Networks and Interaction

McDonnell, Terrence E., Christopher A. Bail, and Ido Tavori. 2017. "A Theory of Resonance." *Sociological Theory* 35 (1): 1-14.

Paluck, Elizabeth L. S. A. Green, Donald P. Green. 2018. "The Contact Hypothesis re-Evaluated." *Behavioural Public Policy* 1-30. doi:10.1017/bpp.2018.25.

Wang, Dan, Alessandro Piazza and Sarah A. Soule 2018. "Boundary-Spanning in Social Movements: Antecedents and Outcomes" *Annual Review of Sociology* 44: 167-187.

Mo, Cecilia Hyunjung and Katherine M. Conn. 2018. "When do the Advantaged see the Disadvantages of Others: A Quasi-Experimental Study of National Service." *American Political Science Review* 112 (4): 721-741.

Childress, C and J. F. Nault. 2018. "Encultured Biases: The Role of Products in Pathways to Inequality" *American Sociological Review* 1-27. DOI: 10.1177/0003122418816109.

Bail, Christopher A., Taylor W. Brown, and Andreas Wimmer. Forthcoming. "Prestige, Proximity, and Prejudice: How Google Search Terms Diffuse Across the World" *American Journal of Sociology*.

Optional:

Mische, Ann, and Harrison White. 1998. "Between Conversation and Situation: Public Switching Dynamics Across Network Domains." *Social Research* 65: 695-724.

McClellan, Paul. 2016. *Culture in Network*. New York: Polity. Pp. 1-64.

Druckman, James N, M. S. Levendusky, Audrey Mclain. 2018. "No Need to Watch: How the Effects of Partisan Media Spread via Interpersonal Discussions." *American Journal of political Science*. 62 (1): 91-112.

Zhou, Shelly, Elizabeth Page-Gould, Arthur Aron, Anne Moyer and Miles Hewstone. 2018. "The Extended Contact Hypothesis: A Meta-Analysis on 20 years of Research." *Personality and Social Psychology Review*, 1-29.

Kevin Lewis and Jason Kaufman, 2018 "The Conversion of Cultural Tastes into Social Network Ties," *American Journal of Sociology* 123 (6): 1684-1742.

Clayton Childress and Craig Rawlings. Under Review "Emerging Meaning: Reconciling Dispositional and Situational Accounts of Meaning-Making from Culture Objects." Department of Sociology, University of Toronto.

Week 6 (March 11) Micro-sociologies and Ontology

Eliasoph, Nina and Paul Lichterman. 2003. "Culture in Interaction." *American Journal of Sociology* 108: 735-794.

Collins, Randall. 2005. *Interaction Ritual Chains*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 258-293.

Fligstein, Neil and Doug McAdam. (2011). "Toward a General Theory of Strategic Action Fields." *Sociological Theory* 29(1): 1–26.

Vaisey, Steve and L. Valentino. 2017. "Culture and Choice: Toward Integrating Cultural Sociology with the Judgement and Decision-Making Sciences." *Poetics* 68: 131-143.

Lamont, Michèle, Laura Adler, L., Bo Yun Park, Xin Xiang, 2017 'Bridging Cultural Sociology and Cognitive Psychology in Three Contemporary Research Programmes', *Nature Human Behaviour* 1: 866–72.

Tavory Iddo, 2018. "Between Situations: Anticipation, Rhythms, and the Theory of Interaction" *Sociological Theory* 36 (2): 117-133.

Abend, Gabriel. 2018 "Outline of a Sociology of Decisionism" *British Journal of Sociology* 69 (2): 237-264.

Optional:

- West, Candace, and Don Zimmerman. 1987. "Doing Gender." *Gender and Society* 1: 125-151.
- DiMaggio, Paul, and Hazel R Markus. 2010. "Culture and Social Psychology Converging Perspectives." *Social Psychology Quarterly* 73: 347-352.
- Patterson, Orlando. 2014. "Making Sense of Culture." *Annual Review of Sociology*. 40: 1-30.
- Silva, Jennifer M and Sarah M. Corse. 2018 "Envisioning and Enacting Class Mobility: The Routine Construction of the Agentic Self." *American Journal of Cultural Sociology* 6 (2): 231-265.
- Binder, Amy J and A. R. Abel. 2018. "Maintained Inequality: How Harvard and Stanford Students Construct Boundaries among Elite Universities." *Sociology of Education* 92 (1): 41-58.

March 18: Break

Week 7 (March 25): Stigmatization/Discrimination and Recognition

Additional session with Christopher Bail (date TBD)

- Goffman, Erving. 1963. *Stigma: Notes on the Management of Spoiled Identity*. New Jersey: Prentice-Hall, 1-40.
- Brubaker, Rogers, Mara Loveman, and Peter Stamatov. 2004. "Ethnicity as Cognition." *Theory and Society*, 33: 31-64.
- Koenig, Matthias. 2007. "Europeanizing the Governance of Religious Diversity: An Institutionalist Account of Muslim Struggles for Recognition." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 33 (6):911-932.
- Brubaker, Rogers. 2016. *Trans*. Princeton: Princeton University Press. (selection)
- Lamont, Michele et al. 2016. *Getting Respect: Dealing with Stigma and Discrimination in the United States, Brazil and Israel*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, Chapter 1 and 2.
- Pescosolido Bernice A and Bianca Manago 2017. "Getting Underneath the Power of "Contact": Revisiting the Fundamental Lever of Stigma as a Social Network Phenomenon." In *The Oxford Handbook of Stigma, Discrimination and Health*, edited by Brenda Major, John Dividio and Bruce Link. New York: Oxford University Press.

Flores, René D. 2018. "Can Elites Shape Public Attitudes Toward Immigrants? Evidence from the 2016 U.S. Presidential Election." *Social Forces*. 96: 1649-1690.

Optional:

Link, Bruce and Jo Phelan. 2001. "Conceptualizing Stigma." *Annual Review of Sociology* 27: 363-385.

Major, Brenda and Laurie T. O'Brien. 2005. "The Social Psychology of Stigma." *Annual Review of Psychology* 56 (1): 393–421.

Edgell, Penny, *et al.* 2006. "Atheists as 'Other': Moral Boundaries and Cultural Membership in American Society." *American Sociological Review* 71, 211-234.

Moon, Dawne. 2012. "Who Am I and Who Are We? Conflicting Narratives of Collective Selfhood in Stigmatized Group." *American Journal of Sociology* 117 (5): 1336-1379.

Son Hing, Leanne. 2012. "Responses to Stigmatization: The Moderating Roles of Primary and Secondary Appraisals." *Du Bois Review* 9 (1): 149-168.

Pescosolido, B.A. and J.K. Martin. 2016. "The Stigma Complex." *Annual Review of Sociology*. 41: 87-116.

Helbling, M., Reeskens, T. and Wright, M. 2016. "The Mobilization of Identities: a Study on the Relationship between Elite Rhetoric and Public Opinion on National Identity in Developed Democracies." *Nations and Nationalism*, 22 (4), 744-767.

Jimenez, Thomas. 2017. *The Other Side of Assimilation. How Immigrants are Changing American Life*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press.

Week 8 (April 1): The Sociology of Morality [with the participation of Laura Adler and Shai Dromi]

An additional optional session on morality will be added if there is student interest and these readings will be covered over two sessions. Alternatively, we will break the class in two and each will cover half of the readings.

Boltanski, Luc, and Laurent Thévenot. 1999. "The Sociology of Critical Capacity." *European Journal of Social Theory* 2 (3): 359-377.

Lamont, Michèle and Laurent Thévenot. 2000. *Rethinking Comparative Cultural Sociology: Repertoires of Evaluation in France and the United States*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

- Abend, Gabi. 2008. "Two Main Problems in the Sociology of Morality." *Theory and Society* 37 (2):87-125.
- Heimer, Carol A. 2010. "The Unstable Alliance of Law and Morality." Pp. 179–202 in *Handbook of the Sociology of Morality*, edited by Steven Hitlin and Stephen Vaisey. New York: Springer.
- Lizardo, O, R. Mowry, B. Sepulvano, D.S. Stoltz, M.A. Taylor, J Can Ness. 2016. "What are Dual Process Models? Implications for Cultural Analysis in Sociology." *Sociological Theory* 34 (4): 287-310.
- Cohen, Andrew C. and Shai M. Dromi. "Advertising morality: Maintaining Moral Worth in a Stigmatized Profession." *Theory & Society* 47, no. 2, 175-206
- Rengin, B. Firat, Hye Won Kwon, and Steven Hilton. 2018. "Novel Measure of Moral Boundaries: Testing Perceived In-group/Out-group Value Differences in a Midwestern Sample." *Socius* 4: 1-11.
- Sherman, Rachel. 2018. "A very Expensive Ordinary Life': Consumption, Symbolic Boundaries and Moral Legitimacy among New York elites" *Socio-Economic Review*, 16 (2): 411–433.
- Hitlin, Steven and Sarah Harkness. (2018). *Unequal Foundations: Inequality, Morality and Emotions Across Cultures*. Oxford University Press. (selection)
- Optional:*
- Swidler, Ann. 2001. *Talk of Love, How Culture Matters*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 111-134 and 160-180. [Optional: 1-23 and 71-88].
- Alexander, Jeffrey. 2006. *The Civil Sphere*. New York: Oxford University Press. [On reserve at Lamont Library.] (selection)
- Fourcade, Marion and Kieran Healy. 2007. "Moral Views of Market Society." *Annual Review of Sociology* 33: 285-311.
- Boltanski, Luc. 2011. *On Critique: A Sociology of Emancipation*. London: Polity, 1-49.
- Hitlin, Stephen and Stephen Vaisey. 2013. "The New Sociology of Morality." *Annual Review of Sociology* 39: 51-68.
- Miles, Andrew. 2015. "The (Re)genesis of Values: Examining the Importance of Values for Action." *American Sociological Review* 80(4):680-704.

Week 9 (April 8): Worth, Valuation and Evaluation

Talk by Randall Collins in the Culture Workshop, April 16 (12-2)

Bourdieu, Pierre. 1985. "The Market of Symbolic Goods." *Poetics* 14 (1): 13-44.

Lamont, Michele. 2009. *How Professors Think: Inside the Curious World of Academic Judgment*. Cambridge, Ma.: Harvard University Press. Chapter 1.

Epstein, Steven. 2008. *Inclusion: The Politics of Difference in Medical*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 17-29.

Lamont, M. 2012. Toward a comparative sociology of valuation and evaluation. *Annual Review of Sociology* 38 (1): 201-221.

Rivera, Lauren. 2012. "Hiring as Cultural Matching: The Case of Elite Professional Service Firms." *American Sociological Review* 77: 999-1022.

Strang, David and Kyle Siler. 2017. "From 'Just the Facts' to 'More Theory and Methods, Please': The Evolution of the Research Article" in *Administrative Science Quarterly*, 1956–2008. *Social Studies of Science* 47 (4): 528-555.

Optional

DiMaggio, Paul. 1987. "Classification in Art." *American Sociological Review* 52 (4):440-55.

Espeland, Wendy and Mitschell Stevens. 1998. "Commensuration as a Social Process." *Annual Review of Sociology* 24:313-43.

Baumann, S. 2001. Intellectualization and art world development: Film in the United States. *American Sociological Review* 66 (3): 404-426.

Salganik, M. J., & Watts, D. J. 2008. Leading the herd astray: An experimental study of self-fulfilling prophecies in an artificial cultural market. *Social Psychology Quarterly* 71 (4): 338-355.

Stark, David. 2009. *The Sense of Dissonance: Accounts of Worth in Economic Life*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1-34 and 163-203.

Karpik, Lucien. 2010. *Valuing the Unique: The Economics of Singularities*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Aspers & Beckert, eds. 2011. *The Worth of Goods*: Oxford University Press.

Beckert, Jens and Christine Musselin. 2013. *Constructing Quality: The Classification of Goods in Markets*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1-30.

Cattani, G., Ferriani, S., & Allison, P. D. 2014. Insiders, Outsiders, and the Struggle for Consecration in Cultural Fields: A Core- Periphery Perspective. *American Sociological Review*, 79 (2): 258-281. doi:10.1177/0003122414520960.

De Keere, K. (2018). Disentangling Individualism: Toward a Heuristic Tool for Cultural Analyses of Evaluations of Self and Society, *Journal of Cultural Analysis and Social Change*, 3 (2): 12. <https://doi.org/10.20897/jcasc/3993>.

Kharchenkova, S and Olav Velthius. “How to become a judgment device: valuation practices and the role of auctions in the emerging Chinese art market” *Socio-Economic Review* 16 (3): 459-477.

Week 10 (April 15): Social Change and Possible futures

Emirbayer, Mustafa and Ann Mische. 1998. “What is Agency?” *American Journal of Sociology* 103 (4): 962-1023.

Mische, Ann. 2009. “Projects and Possibilities: Researching Futures in Action.” *Sociological Forum* 24 (3): 694–704.

Frye, Margaret. 2012. “Bright Futures in Malawi’s New Dawn: Educational Aspirations as Assertions of Identity.” *American Journal of Sociology*, 117(6): 1565-1624.

Hall, Peter and Michèle Lamont. 2013. *Social Resilience in the Neo-Liberal Era*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1-34.

Alexander, Jeffrey C. 2018. “The Societalization of Social Problems: Church Pedophilia, Phone Hacking and the Financial Crisis.” *American Sociological Review* 83 (6): 1049-1079.

Optional

Wright, Matthew and Irene Bloemraad. 2012. “Is There a Trade-Off Between Multiculturalism and Socio-Political Integration? Policy Regimes and Immigrant Incorporation in Comparative Perspective.” *Perspectives on Politics* 10(1): 77-95.

Carter, Prudence. 2012. *Stubborn Roots: Race, Culture, and Inequality in the US and South African Schools*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1-16 and 173-181.

Week 11 (April 22): Presentation of proto-papers

Week 12 (April 29): Presentation of proto-papers

Supplemental material:

Capturing Culture Empirically

Jepperson, Ronald and Ann Swidler. 1994. "What Properties of Culture Should We Measure?" *Poetics* 22 (4): 350-371.

Marsden, Peter and Joseph F. Swinger. 1994. "Conceptualizing and Measuring Culture in Surveys: Values, Strategies, Symbols." *Poetics* 22 (4): 269-289.

Hall, Peter A. 2006. "Systematic Process Analysis: When and How to Use It." *European Management Review* 3:24-31.

Mohr, John and Craig Rawlings. 2012. "Four Ways of Measuring Culture: Social Science, Hermeneutics, and the Cultural Turn." Pp. 70-116 in *Oxford Handbook of Cultural Sociology*, edited by A. Jeffrey, R. Jacobs and P. Smith. New York: Oxford University Press.

Bail, Christopher. Forthcoming. "The Cultural Environment: Measuring Culture with Big Data." *Theory and Society*. 43 (3-4): 465-482.

Armstrong, Elizabeth and Laura T. Hamilton. 2013. *Paying for the Party: How College Maintains Inequality*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press. 26-49 and 263-274.

Achim Edelmann. 2018. "Formalizing Symbolic Boundaries." *Poetics* 68:120-130.

DiMaggio, Paul, Ramina Sotoudeh, Amir Goldberg and Hana Shepherd. 2018. "Culture out of Attitudes: Relationality, Population Heterogeneity and Attitudes toward Science and Religion in the U.S." *Poetics* 68: 31-51.

Optional:

Mohr, John. 1998. "Measuring Meaning Structures." *Annual Review of Sociology* 24: 345-370.

Carley, Kathleen and Michael Palmquist. 1992. "Extracting, Representing, and Analyzing Mental Models." *Social Forces* 70: 601 – 636.

Ghaziani, Amin. 2009 "An 'Amorphous Mist'? The Problem of Measurement in the Study of Culture." *Theory and Society* 38(6): 581-612.

Supplemental Material:

Interpretation and Explanation in Cultural Sociology

Kaufman, Jason. 2004. "Endogenous Explanations in the Sociology of Culture." *Annual Review of Sociology* 30: 335-357.

Gross, Neil. 2009. "A Pragmatist Theory of Social Mechanisms." *American Sociological Review* 74:358-79.

Pachucki, Mark, and Ronald Breiger. 2010. "Cultural Holes: Beyond Relationality in Social Networks and Culture." *Annual Review of Sociology*. 36: 205-224.

Reed, Isaac. 2011. *Interpretation and Social Knowledge: On the Use of Theory in the Human Sciences*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1-14 and 89-163.

Demetriou, Charles. 2012. "Processual Comparative Sociology: Building on the Approach of Charles Tilly." *Sociological Theory* 30:51-65.

Tavori, Iddo and Nina Eliasoph. 2013. "Coordinating Futures: Toward a Theory of Anticipation." *American Journal of Sociology* 118 (4): 1-35.

Gross, Neil. 2018. "The Structure of Causal Chain" *Sociological Theory*

Optional:

Tilly, Charles. 2008. *Explaining Social Processes*. Boulder: Paradigm Publishers. [On reserve at Lamont Library.]

Manzo, Gianluca. 2010. "Analytical Sociology and Its Critics." *Archives européennes de sociologie* 51: 129-170.

Reed, Isaac, *et al.* 2013. "Book Symposium: *Interpretation and Social Knowledge; On the Use of Theory in the Human Sciences.*" *Trajectories: Newsletter of the ASA Comparative and Historical Sociology Section*, 24(2): 1-16.

Supplemental material:

Symbolic and Social Boundaries

Fredrik Barth. 1969. *Ethnic Groups and Boundaries*. Boston, MA: Little Brown, 9-38.

Lamont, Michèle. 1992. *Money, Morals and Manners: The Culture of the French and American Upper-Middle Class*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 174-192.

Abbott, Andrew. 2001 *Time Matters: On Theory and Method*. Chicago: University of Chicago, 261-312.

Lamont, Michèle, and Virag Molnar. 2002. "The Study of Boundaries in the Social Sciences." *Annual Review of Sociology* 28: 167-195.

Lichterman, Paul. 2008. "Religion and the Construction of Civic Identity." *American Sociological Review* 73: 83-104.

Andreas Wimmer, 2013. *Ethnic Boundary Making*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1-15 and 79-112.

Optional:

Gieryn, Thomas. 1983. "Boundary-Work and the Demarcation of Science from Non-Science: Strains and Interests in Professional Ideologies of Scientists." *American Sociological Review* 48 (6): 781–795.

Zerubavel, Eviatar. 1993. *The Fine Line: Making Distinctions in Everyday Life*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. [On reserve at Lamont Libray.]

Pachucki, Mark, Michele Lamont and Sabrina. Pendergrass. 2006. "Boundary Processes: Recent Theoretical Developments and new Contributions." *Poetics* 35 (6): 331-51.

Bail, Christopher. 2008. "The Configuration of Symbolic Boundaries against Immigrants in Europe." *American Sociological Review* 73(1): 37-59.