

Sociology 752
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Sociology of Private Relationships

Part I: The Historical Emergence of the Modern Family

Feb 5: Children and Family from Pre-Modernity to Modernity

- Philippe Aries, *Centuries of Childhood: A Social History of Family Life*

Feb 12: no class

Feb 19: Traditional European (Peasant) Society, Family and Personal Life

- Edward Shorter, *The Making of the Modern Family*
- Eugen Weber, *Peasants into Frenchmen: The Modernization of Rural France, 1870-1914*

Feb 26: The History of Working Class Families

- Michael Young and Peter Willmott, *The Symmetrical Family*
- Michael Young and Peter Willmott, *Family and Kinship in East London*

Mar 4: Women's Domestic Role and the Rise of the Middle Class Family Ideal

- Mary Ryan, *Cradle of the Middle Class*
- Nancy F. Cott, *The Bonds of Womanhood: "Woman's Sphere" in New England, 1780-1835*

Part II: The Modern Family: Mid-Twentieth Century to Today

Mar 11: The American Family in Sociological Theory of the Mid-Twentieth Century

- Talcott Parsons and Robert F. Bales, *Family, Socialization and Interaction Process*
- Talcott Parsons, "The Kinship System of the Contemporary United States" and "Certain Primary Sources and Patterns of Aggression in the Social Structure of the Western World"

Mar 18: Dual-Career Families

- Arlie Hochschild, *The Second Shift*

Mar 25: The Social Reproduction of Class Position: Working & Middle Class Families

- Annette Lareau, *Unequal Childhoods: Class, Race, and Family Life*

Part III: Poverty and Alternative Family Formations

Apr 1: Kin-Structured Domestic Networks

- Carol Stack, *All Our Kin*

Apr 8: Female-Centered Families

- David L. Harvey, *Potter Addition: Poverty, Family, and Kinship in a Heartland*

Apr 15: Motherhood Before Marriage

- Kathryn Edin and Maria Kefalas, *Promises I Can Keep: Why Poor Women Put Motherhood Before Marriage*

Apr 22: no class

Part IV: 'Post-Modern' Transformations

Apr 29: 'Post-Modern' Family Options

- Judith Stacey, *Brave New Families: Stories of Domestic Upheaval in Late Twentieth Century America*

May 6: Transformations of Love, Family and Sexuality

- Ulrich Beck and Elisabeth Beck-Gernsheim, *The Normal Chaos of Love*

May 13: Review for final

May 22: Final