Term Information

Effective Term *Previous Value* Autumn 2022 Autumn 2018

Course Change Information

What change is being proposed? (If more than one, what changes are being proposed?)

(1) Change the number from 5463 to a 4000 level (4462 is fine--that appears to be available).

(2) Make the course a 4-credit hour Research and Creative Inquiry course.

(3) Qualify for the Citizenship theme.

(4) Qualify for the Health and Well-Being theme.

What is the rationale for the proposed change(s)?

(1) We want to restrict the course to advanced undergraduates with a 4000 level course number.

(2) This course and topic are well-suited for adding a laboratory section and developing a research component.

(3 and 4) The course aligns well with both the Citizenship and Health and Well-Being goals.

What are the programmatic implications of the proposed change(s)?

(e.g. program requirements to be added or removed, changes to be made in available resources, effect on other programs that use the course)?

This course will now target advanced undergraduates and no longer be available for graduate students. Graduate students will need to meet their

programmatic needs through advanced seminar courses.

Is approval of the requrest contingent upon the approval of other course or curricular program request? No

Is this a request to withdraw the course? No

General Information

Course Bulletin Listing/Subject Area	Sociology
Fiscal Unit/Academic Org	Sociology - D0777
College/Academic Group	Arts and Sciences
Level/Career	Undergraduate
Previous Value	Graduate, Undergraduate
Course Number/Catalog	4462
Previous Value	5463
Course Title	Advanced Social Stratification
Transcript Abbreviation	Adv Social Strat
Course Description	In-depth theoretical and empirical questions driving the field of inequality, poverty, and social mobility in the 21st century will be explored. We will focus on class, race, and gender inequality in the US, though the course will also develop tools for understanding inequality and poverty across times and places.
Semester Credit Hours/Units	Fixed: 4
Previous Value	Fixed: 3

Offering Information

Length Of Course14 WeekFlexibly Scheduled CourseNeverDoes any section of this course have a distanceNoeducation component?No

4462 - Status: PENDING

Grading Basis	Letter Grade
Repeatable	No
Course Components	Laboratory, Lecture
Previous Value	Lecture
Grade Roster Component	Lecture
Credit Available by Exam	No
Admission Condition Course	No
Off Campus	Never
Campus of Offering	Columbus
Prerequisites and Exclusions	
Prerequisites/Corequisites	Prereq: Jr, Sr; or permission of instructor or department.
Previous Value	Prereq: Jr, Sr, or Grad standing; or permission of instructor or department.
Exclusions	
Electronically Enforced	Yes
Cross-Listings	
Cross-Listings	
Subject/CIP Code	
Subject/CIP Code	45.1101
Subsidy Level	Baccalaureate Course
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Subsidy Level Previous Value Intended Rank Previous Value 45.1101 Baccalaureate Course Doctoral Course Junior, Senior Junior, Senior, Masters, Doctoral

Requirement/Elective Designation

Citizenship for a Diverse and Just World; Health and Well-being The course is an elective (for this or other units) or is a service course for other units

Previous Value

The course is an elective (for this or other units) or is a service course for other units

Course Details

COURSE CHANGE REQUEST 4462 - Status: PENDING

Course goals or learning objectives/outcomes	 Analyze inequality and social change at an advanced level by engaging in critical and logical thinking related to citizenship and well-being.
	• Integrate approaches by making connections to the diverse audiences interested in research on inequality and social
	change as well connecting to foundational coursework in social inequality within Sociology and in other disciplines.
	• Students will study a range of perspectives on citizenship as social belonging versus social exclusion.
	• Students will study proposals for justice and equity and critically assess how these connect to dimensions of social
	inclusion and exclusion that constitute citizenship.
	• Students will read and analyze perspectives on economic and financial wellbeing and connections to disparities in
Previous Value	physical and mental health. • Students will understand classical and modern theories of the key dimensions of inequality, poverty, and social
	mobility.
	• Students will identify and communicate the major patterns and trends in inequality and poverty in the United States
	and other post-industrial societies.
	• Students will comprehend and critically assess the available data and methods used to analyze structures of
	stratification, including knowing the the sources, types, strengths, and weaknesses of such data and methods.
	• Students will critically evaluate societal debates and policy recommendations related to ameliorating inequality and
	poverty and/or fostering social mobility.
Content Topic List	Inequality and Insecurity
	Social class relations
	 Status relations, race and gender
	Earnings inequality: Employment, work, and labor processes in stratification
	Income inequality: Rich, poor, and family structure
	Credit, debt, and wealth disparities
	Spatial and housing inequality
	Health disparities
	Educational attainment and mobility
	Gender, race/ethnicity, and class at work
	Social Solutions
Previous Value	• Theories of race, class, and gender.
	• Family, work, and wealth inequality
	Cultural and political inequality
	• Education and social mobility

Sought Concurrence

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Attachments	Sociology 4XXX Inequality and Social Change.docx: Proposed syllabus
Allachments	(Syllabus. Owner: Downey,Douglas B)
	• submission-doc-citizenship SOCIOL 4XXX.pdf: GE Citizenship
	(GEC Model Curriculum Compliance Stmt. Owner: Downey,Douglas B)
	• submission-health-well-being SOCIOL 4XXX.pdf: GE Health and Well-Being
	(GEC Model Curriculum Compliance Stmt. Owner: Downey,Douglas B)
	research-creative-inquiry-inventory SOCIOL 4XXX.pdf: Research_Creative_Inquiry Inventory
	(Other Supporting Documentation. Owner: Downey,Douglas B)
	 Syllabus_5463_SP21.pdf: 5000 level syllabus
	(Syllabus. Owner: Downey,Douglas B)
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Comments

• Please provide a copy of the syllabus as the course is currently taught for 3 credits (at the 5000-level). The panel will need to be able to see who the course is changed. (by Vankeerbergen, Bernadette Chantal on 09/28/2021 12:32 PM)

• We anticipate that the lab part of the course will meet once a week for one hour and the course itself will meet twice a week (one hour each meeting). (by Downey, Douglas B on 09/12/2021 11:55 AM)

Workflow Information

Status	User(s)	Date/Time	Step
Submitted	Downey,Douglas B	09/12/2021 11:56 AM	Submitted for Approval
Approved	Downey,Douglas B	09/12/2021 11:56 AM	Unit Approval
Revision Requested	Vankeerbergen,Bernadet te Chantal	09/28/2021 12:32 PM	College Approval
Submitted	Downey,Douglas B	09/30/2021 08:57 AM	Submitted for Approval
Approved	Downey,Douglas B	09/30/2021 08:57 AM	Unit Approval
Approved	Vankeerbergen,Bernadet te Chantal	10/15/2021 12:34 PM	College Approval
Pending Approval	Cody,Emily Kathryn Jenkins,Mary Ellen Bigler Hanlin,Deborah Kay Hilty,Michael Vankeerbergen,Bernadet te Chantal Steele,Rachel Lea	10/15/2021 12:34 PM	ASCCAO Approval



COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

SYLLABUS: SOCIOLOGY 4XXX INEQUALITY AND SOCIAL CHANGE

AUTUMN 2023

Course overview

Professor

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Teaching Assistant

TA: Email address: Phone number: Office hours: Office Location:

Course meetings

Lecture: Lab:

Course description

The study of social inequality is one of the central problems in the field of sociology. Even when structures of stratification are not the primary focus, most sociological research deals in one way or another with hierarchy. In this course we will examine the key approaches to understanding social stratification in contemporary sociology. The research studied will focus primarily on the United States, but the theories and concepts discussed can be applied to the analysis of inequality in many societies. We will focus on class, race, and gender inequalities, with discussion of how these connect to other intersecting structures of inequality as well. A guiding theme throughout the course will be to understand how inequities in economic welfare structure all dimensions of inequality in a capitalist society such as the United States in the twenty-first century.

We will study inequality as connected to social change in several respects. Societies undergo constant change along with strong tendencies to inertia in some structures. In other words, social science occurs in the context of history. We will therefore study trends and patterns of social change in inequality. One key source of change in inequality is social policy, politics, and activism. We will study how political-economic actors and institutions affect structures of inequality. We will also consider how Sociology as a social science relates to proposals to remedy or redress inequality. This is a matter of debate among scholars and thus we will consider selected alternative perspectives that will then prepare students to consider other approaches in the future in other courses or on their own.

The course is designed for undergraduate students who have had some prior background in the foundations of the social science of inequality and are looking for a deeper and more advanced engagement with this thematic of study. Students may come to the course from a diverse set of disciplinary backgrounds and prior courses, but I will assume foundational knowledge of research on social inequality.

A core course goal will be for students to develop skills in analyzing and communicating about inequality and social change in their role as global citizens as well as in diverse social settings, including families, civil society, jobs and careers that they may engage in the future. Understanding social inequality and diverse perspectives on what is to be done about social disparities is a core element of being an effective and influential global citizen.

Course learning objectives

By the end of this course and in connection with other theme courses, students should successfully be able to:

General Theme Learning Objectives

- THEME GOAL 1: Analyze inequality and social change at an advanced level by engaging in critical and logical thinking related to citizenship and well-bring. Students will build on foundations by:
 - Reading, analyzing, and critically assessing original cutting edge research;
 - Communicating in writing and speaking core research findings in the area of social inequality;
 - Communicating about social change, both historical developments and evaluating proposals for change at varied levels.
- THEME GOAL 2: Integrate approaches by making connections to the diverse audiences interested in research on inequality and social change as well connecting to foundational coursework in social inequality within Sociology and in other disciplines. Students will develop integrative knowledge and skills by:
 - Studying the diverse audiences for social science research and diverse motivations for social change in systems of inequality;
 - Understanding how diverse experiences of social inequality affect research in defining questions, acceptable data and evidence, and status of different researchers;
 - Actively researching a core area of social inequality targeted at communicating results to an audience beyond the academy;
 - Demonstrating capacity to use reflection and self-assessment through a multistage research project that builds on prior experiences and requires specific detailed response to challenging feedback from peers and instructors.

Citizenship for a Just and Diverse World Learning Objectives

- CITIZENSHIP GOAL 1: Students will study a range of perspectives on citizenship as social belonging versus social exclusion. Students will apply the knowledge and skills to:
 - Identify and describe unequal experiences of belonging and exclusion across diverse populations and localities.
 - Identify and describe their own position within systems of inequality;
 - Develop communication skills in writing and speaking about global citizenship that demonstrate intercultural competence.
- CITIZENSHIP GOAL 2: Students will study proposals for justice and equity and critically assess how these connect to dimensions of social inclusion and exclusion that constitute citizenship.
 - Studying cutting edge social thought on evidence-based approaches to social change in inequality through readings and guest lectures by practitioners.
 - Understanding how experiences of social inclusion and exclusion affect perspectives on social change, including through material interests, access to power, and cultural capital.

• Struggling with the dilemmas of pursuing justice and social change using highequality evidence even as evidence may remain partial and limited.

Health & Wellbeing Learning Objectives

- HEALTH & WELLBEING GOAL: students will read and analyze perspectives on economic and financial wellbeing and connections to disparities in physical and mental health including:
 - Analyzing the contribution of social inequality to disparities in economic/financial wellbeing, and physical and mental health;
 - Identifying the sources of resilience in the context of inequalities as well as consider alternative proposals to improve human flourishing across all dimensions of wellbeing by redressing social inequality.

Course materials

Required

Readings available on Carmen and listed in the course schedule below.

Birkenstein, Cathy, and Gerald Graff. *They Say/I Say: The Moves That Matter in Academic Writing*. WW Norton & Company, 2018.

Jackson, Michelle. 2021. *Manifesto for a Dream: Inequality, Constraint, and Radical Reform*. Stanford: Stanford University Press.

A Sociology book selected from a professor-curated list, to be assigned after the first week of class.

Course assignments

Grades

Assignment or category	Points
Class attendance and participation	100

Weekly reading analysis	100
Quizzes	200
Lab assignments	200
Final research paper including progress stages	400
Total	1000

See course schedule, below, for due dates

Assignment information

Class attendance and participation. I expect everyone to attend <u>each</u> class session (barring illness, see below). While I understand that variation in experience and temperament will lead some to talk more than others, you should come to class ready to engage. I see discussion as an opportunity for all of us to work out our ideas and learn from alternative perspectives.

Weekly reading analysis. A short analysis of the readings is due before each class meeting from week 4 through week 14. They may be no more than one page, but can be just a paragraph or a set of questions. These are very open-ended and can be structured These essays should provide your assessment of the readings and raise questions. While some summary of the readings may be appropriate, these <u>should not primarily rehearse the main points</u>, but rather should offer <u>your</u> appreciation and/or critique of the readings, connections to other ideas, and questions that the readings provoked for you. The purpose of the responses is to encourage you to use writing as a tool for thinking and to facilitate our class discussions by deepening your engagement with the material. They will be assessed for whether completed with reasonable effort.

Submit responses to Carmen by 11am on Monday each week so that I have time to review them before class. I will NOT accept late essays except in the case of emergency. Each student may skip one reading response during the semester, resulting in 10 total.

Quizzes. There will be two quizzes in a mix of closed-response format (e.g. multiple choice, matching, true/false) and open response (short answer and essay) that will assess

understanding of the core concepts (first quiz) and core empirical patterns and trends (second quiz) that we discuss in the course.

Final research paper. All students must complete a research project on a social inequality topic, broadly construed. I will provide detailed guidelines and there will be progress reports due throughout the semester and time during class sessions dedicated to developing the paper to support students in completing this assignment. In brief, the format will require students to identify an audience to which they will communicate social science research on inequality. I will encourage students to select an audience relevant to their academic and/or career goals. Then they will write a research paper briefing that audience on an important area of social inequality, drawing on the conceptual and empirical knowledge students have developed in the course. Students will have a large degree of flexibility in choosing the topic, within the area of inequality, poverty, and mobility broadly construed.

Late assignments

Please keep me informed of any health, care-giving or other issues that arise related to the pandemic. I will work flexibly with individual students to identify reasonable accommodations. I will also be alert to issues affecting the entire class that may require adjustments. Students who need to miss class or who are not able to participate due to illness (COVID-19 or other illnesses), exposure to COVID-19, care for family members exposed to COVID-19, or for other reasons should contact me as soon as possible to arrange for accommodation. Students in special situations or those requiring specific, long-term or other accommodation should seek support from appropriate university offices including but not limited to: <u>Student Advocacy</u>, <u>Student Life Disability Services</u> and the <u>Office of Institutional Equity</u>.

Grading scale

93–100: A 90–92.9: A-87–89.9: B+ 83–86.9: B 80–82.9: B-77–79.9: C+ 73–76.9: C 70–72.9: C-67–69.9: D+ 60–66.9: D Below 60: E

Other course policies

Student academic services

Student academic services offered on the OSU main campus http://advising.osu.edu/welcome.shtml.

Student support services

Student support services offered on the OSU main campus http://ssc.osu.edu.

Academic integrity policy

It is the responsibility of the Committee on Academic Misconduct to investigate or establish procedures for the investigation of all reported cases of student academic misconduct. The term "academic misconduct" includes all forms of student academic misconduct wherever committed; illustrated by, but not limited to, cases of plagiarism and dishonest practices in connection with examinations. Instructors shall report all instances of alleged academic misconduct to the committee (Faculty Rule 3335-5-487). For additional information, see the Code of Student Conduct http://studentlife.osu.edu/csc/.

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Statement on Title IX

Title IX makes it clear that violence and harassment based on sex and gender are Civil Rights offenses subject to the same kinds of accountability and the same kinds of support applied to offenses against other protected categories (e.g., race). If you or someone you know has been

sexually harassed or assaulted, you may find the appropriate resources at <u>http://titleix.osu.edu</u> or by contacting the Ohio State Title IX Coordinator, Kellie Brennan, at <u>titleix@osu.edu</u>

Accessibility accommodations for students with disabilities

The University strives to make all learning experiences as accessible as possible. If you anticipate or experience academic barriers based on your disability (including mental health, chronic or temporary medical conditions), please let me know immediately so that we can privately discuss options. To establish reasonable accommodations, I may request that you register with Student Life Disability Services. After registration, make arrangements with me as soon as possible to discuss your accommodations so that they may be implemented in a timely fashion. SLDS contact information: slds@osu.edu; 614-292-3307; slds@osu.edu; 098 Baker Hall, 113 W. 12th Avenue.

Accessibility of course technology

This online course requires use of Carmen (Ohio State's learning management system) and other online communication and multimedia tools. If you need additional services to use these technologies, please request accommodations with your instructor.

- Carmen (Canvas) accessibility
- Streaming audio and video
- Synchronous course tools

Mental health resources

As a student you may experience a range of issues that can cause barriers to learning, such as strained relationships, increased anxiety, alcohol/drug problems, feeling down, difficulty concentrating and/or lack of motivation. These mental health concerns or stressful events may lead to diminished academic performance or reduce a student's ability to participate in daily activities. The Ohio State University offers services to assist you with addressing these and other concerns you may be experiencing. If you or someone you know are suffering from any of the aforementioned conditions, you can learn more about the broad range of confidential mental health services available on campus via the Office of Student Life's Counseling and Consultation Service (CCS) by visiting <u>ccs.osu.edu</u> or calling 614- 292-5766. CCS is located on the 4th Floor of the Younkin Success Center and 10th Floor of Lincoln Tower. You can reach an on call counselor when CCS is closed at 614-292-5766 and 24 hour emergency help is also available through the 24/7 National Suicide Prevention Hotline at 1-800-273- TALK or at <u>suicidepreventionlifeline.org</u>

Course schedule

Note: Schedule may adjust depending on circumstances. Carmen syllabus is always up-to-date. Lab topics will also be addressed to a greater or lesser degree in lecture section each week.

Week	Lecture Topics and Readings	Lab
1	 Introduction Prasad, Monica. "Problem-solving sociology." <i>Contemporary Sociology</i> 47.4 (2018): 393-398. Prasad, Monica. "Pragmatism as Problem Solving." <i>Socius</i> 7 (2021): 2378023121993991. Prewitt, Kenneth. "Retrofitting Social Science for the Practical and Moral," <i>Issues in Science and</i> <i>Technology</i>. National Academies of Science. Fall, 2019. 	Planning a research project
2	 Inequality and Insecurity Marion Fourcade and Kieran Healy. 2017. "Seeing Like a Market." <i>Socio-Economic Review</i> 15:9-29. <u>https://doi.org/10.1093/ser/mww033</u> 	Critically analyzing a journal article
3	 Class relations Erik Olin Wright. 1997. "Class Analysis," Pp. 1-37 in <i>Class Counts: Comparative Studies in Class Analysis.</i> Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press. <u>https://www.ssc.wisc.edu/~wright/Published%20writing/Class-Counts-chapter-1.pdf</u> W.E.B. DuBois, <i>Black Reconstruction in America.</i> Chapter 1. The Black Worker. (Carmen) 	Critically analyzing a scholarly book

4	 Status relations, race, and gender Max Weber. "Class, Status, and Party" (Carmen) Ridgeway, Cecilia L. 2014. "Why Status Matters for Inequality." American Sociological Review 79:1-16. <u>https://doi.org/10.1177/0003122413515997</u> Davon Norris, Corey Moss-Pech, White Men Can't Jump, but Does It Even Matter? Exit Discrimination in the NBA, Social Forces, 2021;, soab009, <u>https://doi.org/10.1093/sf/soab009</u> 	Questions, answers, and audiences
5	 Earnings inequality: Employment, work, and labor processes in stratification Christine Percheski "Income and Earnings" Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality State of the Union Report. https://inequality.stanford.edu/sites/default/files/Pat hways SOTU 2019 IncomeEarnings.pdf Harry J. Holzer. "Employment" Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality State of the Union Report. https://inequality.stanford.edu/sites/default/files/Pat hways SOTU 2019 IncomeEarnings.pdf Barry J. Holzer. "Employment" Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality State of the Union Report. https://inequality.stanford.edu/sites/default/files/Pat hways SOTU 2019 Employment.pdf Bruce Western and Jake Rosenfeld. "Unions, Norms, and the Rise in U.S. Wage Inequality." American Sociological Review 76:513-537. https://doi.org/10.1177/0003122411414817 	Social Explorer Training
6	 Income inequality: Rich, poor, and family structure Thomas W. Volscho and Nathan J. Kelly. 2012. "The Rise of the Super-Rich: Power Resources, Taxes, Financial Markets, and the Dynamics of the Top 1 Percent, 1949 to 2008." American Sociological Review 77:679-699. <u>https://doi.org/10.1177/0003122412458508</u> 	Social Science Data Analysis Network Training

	 Brady, David, Ryan M. Finnigan, and Sabine Hubgen. 2017. "Rethinking the Risks of Poverty: A Framework for Analyzing Prevalences and Penalties." American Journal of Sociology 123:740-786. <u>https://doi.org/10.1086/693678</u> Tach, L., Halpern-Meekin, S., Edin, K., & Amorim, M. 2019. "As good as money in the bank": Building a personal safety net with the Earned Income Tax Credit. Social Problems 66: 274-293. <u>https://doi.org/10.1093/socpro/spy001</u> 	
7	 Credit, debt, and wealth disparities Pfeffer, Fabian T., & Killewald, Alesandra. 2019. Intergenerational Wealth Mobility and Racial Inequality. Socius. https://doi.org/10.1177/2378023119831799 Rachel Dwyer. 2018. Credit, Debt, and Inequality. Annual Review of Sociology 44: 237-261. https://doi.org/10.1146/annurev-soc-060116- 053420 Harris, Alexes, Heather Evans, and Katherine Beckett. 2010. "Drawing Blood from Stones: Legal Debt and Social Inequality in the Contemporary United States." American Journal of Sociology 115:1753-1799. https://doi.org/10.1086/651940 	Individual research problem workshop
8	 Spatial and housing inequality Pattillo, Mary. "Housing: Commodity versus right." Annual Review of Sociology 39 (2013): 509-531. https://doi.org/10.1146/annurev-soc-071312- 145611 Matthew Desmond and Nathan Wilmers. 2019. "Do the Poor Pay More for Housing? Exploitation, Profit, and Risk in Rental Markets," American 	Data selection workshop

	<i>Journal of Sociology</i> 124, no. 4: 1090-1124. <u>https://doi.org/10.1086/701697</u>	
9	 Health disparities Monk, Ellis P. Jr. 2015. "The Cost of Color: Skin Color, Discrimination, and Health among African- Americans." American Journal of Sociology 121: 396-444. Sosnaud, Benjamin. "Inequality in infant mortality: Cross-state variation and medical system institutions." Social Problems 66, no. 1 (2019): 108-127. Montez, Jennifer Karas, Jason Beckfield, Julene Kemp Cooney, Jacob M. Grumbach, Mark D. Hayward, Huseyin Zeyd Koytak, Steven H. Woolf, and Anna Zajacova. "US state policies, politics, and life expectancy." The Milbank Quarterly 98, no. 3 (2020): 668-699. 	Data analysis workshop
10	 Educational attainment and mobility Reardon, Sean F., Demetra Kalogrides, and Kenneth Shores. "The geography of racial/ethnic test score gaps." American Journal of Sociology 124.4 (2019): 1164-1221. 	Reasoning with evidence
11	 Gender, race/ethnicity, and class at work Paula England and Nancy Folbre. 1999. "The Cost of Caring." Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science 561:39-51. https://doi.org/10.1177/000271629956100103 Dwyer, Rachel E. 2013. "The Care Economy? Gender, Economic Restructuring, and Job 	Writing evidence- based arguments

	 Polarization in the U.S. Labor Market." American Sociological Review 78:390-416. https://doi.org/10.1177/0003122413487197 Trotter, Latonya J. Making A Career: Reproducing Gender within a Predominately Female Profession. Gender & Society. 2017;31(4):503- 525. https://doi.org/10.1177/0891243217716115 	
12	 Race/ethnicity, gender, and class at work Evelyn Nakano Glenn. 1992. "From Servitude to Service Work: Historical Continuities in the Racial Division of Paid Reproductive LABor." Signs 18:1- 43. <u>https://doi.org/10.1086/494777</u> Bruce Western and Becky Pettit. 2005. "Black- White Wage Inequality, Employment Rates, and Incarceration." American Journal of Sociology111: 553-78. <u>https://doi.org/10.1086/432780</u> Ben A. Rissing, Emilio J. Castilla. 2014. "House of Green Cards: Statistical or Preference-Based Inequality in the Employment of Foreign Nationals" American Sociological Review. Vol 79, Issue 6, pp. 1226 – 1255. 	Presenting evidence-based arguments orally
13	 Social solutions I: American Sociological Association Presidential Addresses Wright, Erik Olin (2013). Transforming Capitalism through Real Utopias. American Sociological Review, 78(1), 1–25. https://doi.org/10.1177/0003122412468882 Lamont, Michèle. (2018). Addressing Recognition Gaps: Destigmatization and the Reduction of Inequality. American Sociological Review, 83(3), 419–444. https://doi.org/10.1177/0003122418773775 August, 2021. ASA President Aldon Morris delivers the ASA Presidential Address "A Sociology for the 21st Century: Incorporating the Du Boisian Challenge." https://vimeo.com/582544449 [Written version to be published in February 2022.] 	Poster session workshop

14	 Social solutions II Reevaluate Problem-Solving Sociology. Jackson, Michelle. 2021. Manifesto for a Dream: Inequality, Constraint, and Radical Reform. Stanford: Stanford University Press. 	Paper workshop I
15	Poster Session	Paper workshop II
Finals	Final Research Paper Due	Final exam time

SOCIOLOGY 5463 Advanced Social Stratification Spring 2021

Professor: Dr. Rachel Dwyer Email: dwyer.46@osu.edu Office: 208 Townshend Hall

Instruction format: Distance learning with one synchronous meeting per week Class time: Mon. 12:45-2:05pm Classroom: Zoom: Meeting ID: 924 0994 0791 Password: 547180 https://osu.zoom.us/j/92409940791?pwd=eFI5ckwrZVdCa3ladVVjNnRITWFMdz09

Office hours: Tues. 2:30-4:30pm, and by appointment via Zoom: Meeting ID: 963 6324 2079 Password: 115835 https://osu.zoom.us/j/96363242079?pwd=clRBN3FERUE2aUVKcmNaenkxTjhDdz09

Course description

The study of social inequality is one of the central problems in the field of sociology. Even when structures of stratification are not the primary focus, most sociological research deals in one way or another with hierarchy. In this course we will examine the key approaches to understanding social stratification in contemporary sociology. The literature covered will be particularly focused on the United States, but the theories and concepts discussed can be applied to the analysis of stratification in many societies. We will focus on class, race, and gender inequalities, with discussion of how these connect to other intersecting structures of inequality as well. A guiding theme throughout the course will be how inequities in material welfare structure all dimensions of inequality in a capitalist society such as the United States in the twenty-first century.

The course is designed for undergraduate and graduate students who have had some prior background in the social science of inequality and are looking for a deeper engagement with this area of study. Students may come to the course from a diverse set of disciplinary backgrounds and prior courses.

We will pursue three primary objectives in Sociology 5463:

1) Students will study the conceptual foundations for study in the area of inequality, poverty, and mobility. We can of course only cover a selection of the vast research in this area. I have structured the readings to offer a sampling of the key theoretical and classical

treatments of social stratification, as well as several cutting-edge areas of current research. This will provide the tools to facilitate further reading and inquiry.

- 2) Students will study the key empirical trends in inequality, poverty, and mobility in the twenty-first century United States. We will focus in this semester on linking those empirical trends to research on COVID-19 as both a highly relevant case study and as a causal influence on the dimensions of inequality that we study in the course.
- 3) Students will develop skills in reasoning with data through assignments focused on making an argument utilizing the conceptual and empirical background they develop in the course applied to a question of particular interest to them. This will require outside research and reading, and will focus on writing and communicating about data and empirical dynamics.

Online Course Guidelines

The course will include one synchronous zoom each week as well as weekly asynchronous lectures and related activities. The synchronous zoom will include a range of activities, including opportunities for Q&A, discussion, and analytic exercises. Attendance is mandatory at the synchronous zoom.

In addition, there will be asynchronous lectures and related instruction most weeks as assigned on the course Carmen webpage.

Readings

Readings are available through the links on this syllabus and on the Carmen course webpage. Student will also read **one** of the following books, which are available as e-books through the OSU library system. Students may of course purchase these books if desired. I will ask for your preferences and assign about a quarter of the class to read each book.

Harris, Alexes. 2016. *A pound of flesh: Monetary sanctions as punishment for the poor*. Russell Sage Foundation.

Silva, Jennifer M., 2013. *Coming up short: Working-class adulthood in an age of uncertainty*. Oxford University Press.

Cottom, Tressie M., 2017. Lower ed: The troubling rise of for-profit colleges in the new economy. The New Press.

Ray, Ranita, 2017. *The making of a teenage service class: Poverty and mobility in an American city.* Univ of California Press.

Students expecting to specialize in this area may find the following readers valuable, though they aren't required for this course. The first is particularly useful for many classical pieces that we will not have time to cover this semester.

David B. Grusky. 2014. (Fourth Edition.) *Social Stratification: Class, Race, and Gender*. Boulder, CO: Westview Press.

David B. Grusky and Szonja Szelenyi. 2007. *The Inequality Reader: Contemporary and Foundational Readings in Race, Class, and Gender.* Boulder, CO: Westview Press. (Overlaps some with the previous book but has more recent selections.)

Course assignments

Grades will be based on the following components:

1)	Class attendance and participation	10%
2)	Reading responses	20%
3)	Book precis	10%
4)	Quizzes	30%
5)	Final paper	30%

Class attendance and participation. I expect everyone to attend <u>each</u> class session (barring illness or emergency, see below). While I understand that variation in experience and temperament will lead some to talk more than others, you should come to class ready to engage. I see discussion as an opportunity for all of us to work out our ideas and learn from alternative perspectives.

Weekly reading response. A short response on the readings is due before each class meeting from week 3 through week 15. They may be no more than one page, but can be just a paragraph or a set of questions. These are very open-ended and can be structured These essays should provide your assessment of the readings and raise questions. While some summary of the readings may be appropriate, these <u>should not primarily rehearse the main points</u>, but rather should offer <u>your</u> appreciation and/or critique of the readings, connections to other ideas, and questions that the readings provoked for you. The purpose of the responses is to encourage you to use writing as a tool for thinking and to facilitate our class discussions by deepening your engagement with the material. They will be assessed for whether completed with reasonable effort.

Submit responses to Carmen by **10am on Monday** each week so that I have time to review them before class. I will NOT accept late essays except in the case of emergency. Each student may skip one reading response during the semester, resulting in 10 total.

Quizzes. There will be two quizzes in mostly closed-response format (e.g. multiple choice, matching, true/false) along with a few short essays that will assess understanding of the course material.

Final paper. All students must complete a final paper on social inequality in the United States. I will provide detailed guidelines and there will be **progress reports** due throughout the semester and time during class sessions dedicated to developing the paper to support students in completing this assignment. In brief, the format will require students to identify an audience to which they will communicate social science research on inequality. I will encourage students to select an audience relevant to their academic and/or career goals. Then they will write a 10 page research paper, drawing on the conceptual and empirical knowledge students have developed in the course. Students will utilize secondary research and utilize evidence from data resources provided in the course. Students will have a large degree of flexibility in choosing the topic, within the area of inequality, poverty, and mobility in the United States.

COVID-19 Accommodations

I have designed this course expecting that some or all students may be remote the full semester and some students may need time to isolate and recover from illness. Please keep me informed of any health, care-giving or other issues that arise related to the pandemic. I will work flexibly with individual students to identify reasonable accommodations. I will also be alert to issues affecting the entire class that may require adjustments. Students who need to miss class or who are not able to participate due to illness (COVID-19 or other illnesses), exposure to COVID-19, care for family members exposed to COVID-19 or other reasons should contact me as soon as possible to arrange for accommodation. Students in special situations or those requiring specific, long-term or other accommodation should seek support from appropriate university offices including but not limited to: <u>Student Advocacy</u>, <u>Student Life Disability Services</u> and the <u>Office</u> <u>of Institutional Equity</u>.

University Resources and Policies

Disability and Accessibility: The University strives to make all learning experiences as accessible as possible. If you anticipate or experience academic barriers based on your disability (including mental health, chronic or temporary medical conditions), please let me know immediately so that we can privately discuss options. You are also welcome to register with Student Life Disability Services (SLDS) to establish reasonable accommodations. After registration, make arrangements with me as soon as possible to discuss your accommodations so that they may be implemented in a timely fashion. SLDS contact information: slds@osu.edu; 614-292-3307; slds.osu.edu; 098 Baker Hall, 113 W. 12th Avenue.

Mental Health: As a student you may experience a range of issues that can cause barriers to learning, such as strained relationships, increased anxiety, alcohol/drug problems, feeling down,

difficulty concentrating and/or lack of motivation. These mental health concerns or stressful events may lead to diminished academic performance or reduce a student's ability to participate in daily activities. The Ohio State University offers services to assist you with addressing these and other concerns you may be experiencing. If you or someone you know are suffering from any of the aforementioned conditions, you can learn more about the broad range of confidential mental health services available on campus via the Office of Student Life's Counseling and Consultation Service (CCS) by visiting ccs.osu.edu or calling 614--292--5766. CCS is located on the 4th Floor of the Younkin Success Center and 10th Floor of Lincoln Tower. You can reach an on call counselor when CCS is closed at 614--292--5766 and 24 hour emergency help is also available through the 24/7 National Suicide Prevention Hotline at 1--800--273-TALK or at suicidepreventionlifeline.org.

Academic Integrity and Academic Misconduct: Academic integrity is essential to maintaining an environment that fosters excellence in teaching, research, and other educational and scholarly activities. Thus, The Ohio State University and the Committee on Academic Misconduct (COAM) expect that all students have read and understand the University's Code of Student Conduct, and that all students will complete all academic and scholarly assignments with fairness and honesty. Students must recognize that failure to follow the rules and guidelines established in the University's Code of Student Conduct and this syllabus may constitute "Academic Misconduct."

The Ohio State University's Code of Student Conduct (Section 3335-23-04) defines academic misconduct as: "Any activity that tends to compromise the academic integrity of the University, or subvert the educational process." Examples of academic misconduct include (but are not limited to) plagiarism, collusion (unauthorized collaboration), copying the work of another student, and possession of unauthorized materials during an examination. Ignorance of the University's Code of Student Conduct is never considered an "excuse" for academic misconduct, so I recommend that you review the Code of Student Conduct and, specifically, the sections dealing with academic misconduct.

If I suspect that a student has committed academic misconduct in this course, I am obligated by University Rules to report my suspicions to the Committee on Academic Misconduct. If COAM determines that you have violated the University's Code of Student Conduct (i.e., committed academic misconduct), the sanctions for the misconduct could include a failing grade in this course and suspension or dismissal from the University.

If you have any questions about the above policy or what constitutes academic misconduct in this course, please contact me.

Other sources of information on academic misconduct (integrity) to which you can refer include: •The Committee on Academic Misconduct web pages (http://oaa.osu.edu/coam.html) •Ten Suggestions for Preserving Academic Integrity (http://oaa.osu.edu/coamtensuggestions.html) •Eight Cardinal Rules of Academic Integrity (www.northwestern.edu/uacc/8cards.html) **Copyright and Appropriate Use of Course Materials**: Professor Rachel Dwyer owns the copyright to the syllabus, exams, handouts, study aides, online lectures, in-class lectures and other materials distributed or demonstrated in this course. They are provided solely for the educational use of students enrolled in this course. You are not permitted to copy or re-distribute them for purposes unapproved by the instructor; in particular, you are not permitted to publicly post or otherwise redistribute course materials or your lecture notes. Unauthorized use of course materials may be considered academic misconduct in addition to a violation of copyright law.

Religious Holidays: Notify the instructor within the first week of class regarding any conflict between religious observance dates and course examinations or assignments.

Diversity and inclusion: The Ohio State University affirms the importance and value of diversity in the student body. Our programs and curricula reflect our multicultural society and global economy and seek to provide opportunities for students to learn more about persons who are different from them. We are committed to maintaining a community that recognizes and values the inherent worth and dignity of every person; fosters sensitivity, understanding, and mutual respect among each member of our community; and encourages each individual to strive to reach his or her own potential. Discrimination against any individual based upon protected status, which is defined as age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status, is prohibited.

Course Schedule

NOTE: May adjust as appropriate to the development of the course.

Week 1 January 11

Introduction

Week 2 NO SYNCHRONOUS ZOOM: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Inequality and Technology

- Marion Fourcade and Kieran Healy. 2017. "Seeing Like a Market." *Socio-Economic Review* 15:9-29. <u>https://doi.org/10.1093/ser/mww033</u>
- McMillan Cottom, Tressie. 2020. "Where Platform Capitalism and Racial Capitalism Meet: The Sociology of Race and Racism in the Digital Society." *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*. <u>https://doi.org/10.1177/2332649220949473</u>
- Gallaher, Carolyn. "Mainstreaming white supremacy: a twitter analysis of the American 'Alt-Right'." *Gender, Place & Culture* (2020): 1-29. https://doi.org/10.1080/0966369X.2019.1710472

Week 3 January 25 [on campus activities scheduled to resume]

Class relations

- Erik Olin Wright. 1997. "Class Analysis," Pp. 1-37 in *Class Counts: Comparative Studies in Class Analysis*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press. <u>https://www.ssc.wisc.edu/~wright/Published%20writing/Class-Counts-chapter-1.pdf</u>
- W.E.B. DuBois, *Black Reconstruction in America*. Chapter 1. The Black Worker. (Carmen)

Week 4 February 1

Status relations and social exclusion

- Max Weber. "Class, Status, and Party" (Carmen)
- Ridgeway, Cecilia L. 2014. "Why Status Matters for Inequality." *American Sociological Review* 79:1-16. <u>https://doi.org/10.1177/0003122413515997</u>
- Flores, R. D., & Schachter, A. (2018). Who are the "Illegals"? The Social Construction of Illegality in the United States. *American Sociological Review*, 83(5), 839–868. <u>https://doi.org/10.1177/0003122418794635</u>

Week 5 February 8

Earnings inequality: Employment, work, and labor processes in stratification

- Christine Percheski "Income and Earnings" Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality State of the Union Report. <u>https://inequality.stanford.edu/sites/default/files/Pathways_SOTU_2019_IncomeEarnings</u>.<u>.pdf</u>
- Harry J. Holzer. "Employment" Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality State of the Union Report.
 <u>https://inequality.stanford.edu/sites/default/files/Pathways_SOTU_2019_Employment.pd</u>
- Bruce Western and Jake Rosenfeld. "Unions, Norms, and the Rise in U.S. Wage Inequality." *American Sociological Review* 76:513-537. <u>https://doi.org/10.1177/0003122411414817</u>

Week 6 February 15

Income inequality: Rich, poor, and the role of family structure in stratification

- Manning, Wendy D. 2020. "Young adulthood relationships in an era of uncertainty: A case for cohabitation." *Demography* (2020): 1-21. <u>https://doi.org/10.1007/s13524-020-00881-9</u>
- Brady, David, Ryan M. Finnigan, and Sabine Hubgen. 2017. "Rethinking the Risks of Poverty: A Framework for Analyzing Prevalences and Penalties." *American Journal of Sociology*123:740-786. <u>https://doi.org/10.1086/693678</u>
- Tach, L., Halpern-Meekin, S., Edin, K., & Amorim, M. 2019. "As good as money in the bank": Building a personal safety net with the Earned Income Tax Credit. *Social Problems* 66: 274-293. <u>https://doi.org/10.1093/socpro/spy001</u>

Week 7 February 22 [Instructional break February 23-24]

Credit, debt, and wealth disparities

Harris, Alexes. 2016. *A pound of flesh: Monetary sanctions as punishment for the poor*. Russell Sage Foundation.

- Pfeffer, Fabian T., & Killewald, Alesandra. 2019. Intergenerational Wealth Mobility and Racial Inequality. *Socius*. <u>https://doi.org/10.1177/2378023119831799</u>
- Rachel Dwyer. 2018. Credit, Debt, and Inequality. *Annual Review of Sociology* 44: 237-261. <u>https://doi.org/10.1146/annurev-soc-060116-053420</u>
- Harris, Alexes, Heather Evans, and Katherine Beckett. 2010. "Drawing Blood from Stones: Legal Debt and Social Inequality in the Contemporary United States." *American Journal of Sociology* 115:1753-1799. <u>https://doi.org/10.1086/651940</u>

Week 8 March 1

Spatial and housing inequality

- Darrick Hamilton and Christopher Famighetti. "Housing." *Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality State of the Union Report.* https://inequality.stanford.edu/sites/default/files/Pathways SOTU 2019 Housing.pdf
- Pattillo, Mary. "Housing: Commodity versus right." *Annual Review of Sociology* 39 (2013): 509-531. https://doi.org/10.1146/annurey-soc-071312-145611
- Matthew Desmond and Nathan Wilmers. 2019. "Do the Poor Pay More for Housing? Exploitation, Profit, and Risk in Rental Markets," *American Journal of Sociology* 124, no. 4: 1090-1124. <u>https://doi.org/10.1086/701697</u>

Week 9 March 8

Quiz 1

Week 10 March 15

Social mobility

Silva, Jennifer M., 2013. *Coming up short: Working-class adulthood in an age of uncertainty*. Oxford University Press.

- Michael Hout. "Social Mobility." Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality State of the Union Report. <u>https://inequality.stanford.edu/sites/default/files/Pathways_SOTU_2019_SocialMobility.</u> <u>pdf</u>
- Chetty, Raj, David Grusky, Maximilian Hell, Nathaniel Hendren, Robert Manduca, Jimmy Narang. 2017. "The Fading American Dream: Trends in Absolute Income Mobility Since 1940." *Science* 356:398-406. <u>https://science.sciencemag.org/content/356/6336/398</u>

Week 11 March 22

Educational attainment and mobility

Cottom, Tressie M., 2017. Lower ed: The troubling rise of for-profit colleges in the new economy. The New Press.

- Florencia Torche and Amy L. Johnson. "Education" *Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality State of the Union Report.* https://inequality.stanford.edu/sites/default/files/Pathways SOTU 2019 Education.pdf
- Goldrick-Rab, Sara, Kelchen, Robert, Harris, Douglas N, & Benson, James. 2016.
 "Reducing Income Inequality in Higher Education: Experimental Evidence on the Impact of Financial Aid on College Completion." *American Journal of Sociology*. 121, no. 6: 1762-1817. <u>https://doi.org/10.1086/685442</u>

Week 12 March 29 [Instructional break March 31-April 1]

Gender inequality in employment

Progress report on paper due

- Kim Weeden. "Occupational Segregation" Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality State of the Union Report. <u>https://inequality.stanford.edu/sites/default/files/Pathways_SOTU_2019_OccupSegregation.pdf</u>
- Paula England and Nancy Folbre. 1999. "The Cost of Caring." Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science 561:39-51. https://doi.org/10.1177/000271629956100103
- Yavorsky, Jill E., Lisa A. Keister, and Yue Qian. "Gender in the One Percent." *Contexts* 19, no. 1 (2020): 12-17. <u>https://doi.org/10.1177/1536504220902196</u>

Week 13 April 5

Racial and ethnic stratification in employment

Ray, Ranita, 2017. *The making of a teenage service class: Poverty and mobility in an American city.* Univ of California Press.

- Evelyn Nakano Glenn. 1992. "From Servitude to Service Work: Historical Continuities in the Racial Division of Paid Reproductive Labor." Signs 18:1-43. <u>https://doi.org/10.1086/494777</u>
- Bruce Western and Becky Pettit. 2005. "Black-White Wage Inequality, Employment Rates, and Incarceration." *American Journal of Sociology*111: 553-78. <u>https://doi.org/10.1086/432780</u>
- Victor Ray. 2019 "A Theory of Racialized Organizations." *American Sociological Review*. 2019;84(1):26-53. <u>https://doi.org/10.1177/0003122418822335</u>

Week 14 April 12

Equalizing institutions

- Wright, Erik Olin (2013). Transforming Capitalism through Real Utopias. *American Sociological Review*, 78(1), 1–25. <u>https://doi.org/10.1177/0003122412468882</u>
- Lamont, Michèle. (2018). Addressing Recognition Gaps: Destigmatization and the Reduction of Inequality. *American Sociological Review*, 83(3), 419–444. <u>https://doi.org/10.1177/0003122418773775</u>
- Kim Stanley Robinson <u>The Coronavirus and Our Future | The New Yorker</u>

Week 15 April 19

Quiz 2

Paper workshop

Final paper due by 2PM Friday, April 30