

## Sociology 971: Seminar on the Demography of Fertility, Families, and Households

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In this seminar, we will read, discuss, and evaluate recent work on a range of substantive issues central to the social demography of fertility, families, and households. We will place particular emphasis on developing a solid understanding of trends and associated explanations as well as individual-level correlates of a range of family behaviors. Because the “demography of fertility, families, and households” encompasses a body of research that is far too vast to be covered completely in a single semester, we will not be able to read deeply on any one subject but will summarize the broader literature while reading representative work on a wide range of topics. In the process of writing a paper, you will have the opportunity to read more deeply on a substantive area of interest. A weekly schedule for the semester is as follows:

Week	Date	Topic
1	January 26	Introduction
2	February 2	Overview – General family trends, paradigms, theories
3	February 9	Marriage
4	February 16	Cohabitation
5	February 23	Divorce
6	March 2	Remarriage and Stepfamilies
7	March 9	Father Involvement and the Role of Men
8	<i>March 16</i>	<i>SPRING BREAK – NO CLASS</i>
9	March 23	Fertility in Industrialized Countries – General trends, theories, and explanations
10	March 30	Nonmarital Childbearing; Teen Fertility; and Fertility Intentions
11	April 6	Fertility in Developing Countries – Recent trends and theories
12	April 13	Family Structure – Trends and implications for well-being
13	April 20	Work and Family; Caregiving
14	April 27	Intergenerational Relations; Grandparenting; Transition to Adulthood
15	May 4	Presentation of Student Papers (Note that we will need to extend this class and/or schedule an extra meeting)

We will not focus explicitly on methodological issues or techniques, much of which is covered in the demographic techniques sequence and advanced statistics courses. I realize that most of you are currently taking advanced demographic methods and have not yet started to take other advanced methods courses. We will, therefore, spend time discussing and clarifying relevant methodological issues as they arise.

Except for the session on fertility in developing countries, readings focus almost exclusively on the contemporary U.S. I have tried, however, to include at least one paper on another society in each week's (suggested) reading list. I imagine that many of you have strong interests in societies other than the U.S., so I encourage you to contribute insights from your own research or readings on other countries. Also, because the readings focus on relatively recent demographic trends, we will not be discussing concepts such as natural fertility or the first demographic transition (although we will spend time thinking about the so-called second demographic transition). I assume that you have a familiarity with historical demographic trends from Soc 663.

## **Requirements**

This class will keep you busy! Requirements are: (1) come to class prepared to discuss the required readings; (2) work with a classmate to collaboratively prepare a brief presentation or to lead discussion most weeks (see below for details); (3) write and present a research paper; (4) provide written feedback on a colleague's research paper.

This course has two main objectives: the first is for everyone to develop a high level of comfort with recent research in the broad field of family demography. The second is to write a first draft of an empirical research paper that, with revision, could be submitted to a professional journal such as *Journal of Marriage and Family*, *Journal of Family Issues*, or *Demography*. Weekly meetings are structured with the first goal in mind. The first hour of class will be comprised of three presentations of roughly 20 minutes each. The first will provide an overview of trends and differentials in a family behavior of interest (e.g., marriage). The second will provide an overview of the 'big questions' and related theories (covering both the classic works and more recent developments). The third will provide an overview of key issues related to data, measurement, and methods. For each segment, 15 minutes will be devoted to presentation and 5 minutes to Q&A/discussion. These presentations should emphasize content rather than form. I will be available throughout the week to meet or discuss via email reading strategies and preparing for these presentations. After a short break, we will reconvene for an extended discussion of four (or more) papers that everyone will have read carefully. This discussion will be based on (but certainly not limited to) a list of reading questions circulated the previous week by the students assigned to lead the discussion. Because these questions should be prepared and distributed on Thursday of the week prior to your session, you will need to do the reading for your sessions well ahead of time. Discussion questions should address important substantive, theoretical, data, and methodological issues – I think that putting yourselves in the position of reviewer or referee of the readings would be a good way to write these questions. I will use the final 10-15 minutes of class to summarize and address issues that were not covered.

There are currently 15 students enrolled in the class. Each week, four groups of two students (i.e., eight students) will be responsible for preparing and leading each of the four class segments. Two students will work together to prepare and present the 20 minute overview of trends and differentials; another two will present on big questions and themes; another two on data/methods; and another two will produce a list of questions in advance and then lead the discussion (I will also contribute some questions). All presentations should have accompanying handouts or overheads.

We will spend the final class session presenting and discussing your research papers. As in most graduate seminars, the (admittedly nebulous) standard for papers is that they will eventually be submittable for review at a professional journal such as *Demography* or *Journal of Marriage and Family*. Because this is no easy task, I recommend that you get started on your papers as soon as possible. Hopefully, most of you are already engaged in work that could form the basis of this paper. This paper does not need to be something entirely new. It can be a write-up of preliminary results of research that you are currently involved in (perhaps something you will be presenting at PAA?). It can also be a substantially improved version of a paper that you have submitted for a previous class. Regardless, I would like to meet with everyone some time during the first few weeks of the semester to discuss what you would like to work on. I would like you to submit the paper in stages:

1. Submit a 4-6-page research proposal (including background, research question/hypothesis, proposed data and methods) by March 2.
2. Submit a summary of preliminary results by April 6.
3. Submit draft of full paper (20-30 pages plus tables) to assigned reviewer by April 20.
4. Submit reviews to author and to me on April 27.
5. Present papers in class and submit final version on May 4.

If you haven't seen it, I encourage you to read a very good article by Lynn White about how to write an empirical journal article:

White, Lynn. 2005. "Writes of Passage: Writing an Empirical Journal Article." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 67(4):791-798.

I am hoping that we can run the presentation of papers something like a (very efficient) conference. I think that we can allot a maximum of 15 minutes per person. Roughly 12 minutes to present the paper and 3 minutes for Q&A and constructive feedback. We will likely extend the last class by 2 hours (and I'll bring pizza!), or we will arrange another 2-hour block for some day May 5-11.

### **Course Readings**

There is one required textbook, which we will use throughout the semester. You can purchase this book in the University bookstore. Please note that the book includes an extensive list of references (pp. 317-350); in addition to the readings on the syllabus, these may be useful to you as you write your research paper. The assigned textbook is:

Casper, Lynne M. and Suzanne M. Bianchi. (2002). *Continuity & Change in the American Family*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications. ISBN: 0-7619-2009-9.

All other assigned readings are either journal articles (primarily from *Demography*, *Journal of Marriage and Family*, *Population and Development Review*, and *Population Studies*) or book chapters. All of the journal articles should be available online through JSTOR, ProQuest, or the individual e-journals via the UW library website. I assume that everyone is very familiar with locating journal articles online (especially with the new “Find it” feature).

Book chapters and papers not readily available from online databases are available as electronic reserves, which you can access via the Library/Reserves tab in the top left corner of the Soc971 home page. Please note that while I am reasonably satisfied with the syllabus as it stands now, the reading list is subject to change if I find new/better readings to add or exchange. Any changes I do make will leave time for adequate preparation (i.e., 2-3 weeks in advance).

### **Reading List by Week**

Readings preceded by \* are required; all others are suggested additional readings. Readings preceded by # are available on the Library/Reserves tab of the Soc971 Learn@UW webpage (except for several books, which are available in the library).

#### **January 26 (Week 1): Introduction to Course and to Family Demography**

\*“Introduction” (Pp. xiii-xxxv) and “Chapter 1: Changing Families in a Changing Society” (Pp. 1-38) in Casper and Bianchi (2002). (Note: Please read these before the first class.)

#### **Feb 2 (Week 2): Overview – General family trends, paradigms, theories**

\*Bumpass, Larry L. 1990. “What's Happening to the Family? Interactions between Demographic and Institutional Change.” *Demography* 27:483-498.

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### **Feb 9 (Week 3): Marriage**

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\*Oppenheimer, Valerie K., Matthijs Kalmijn, and Nelson Lim. 1997. "Men's Career Development and Marriage Timing During a Period of Rising Inequality." *Demography* 34:311-330.

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- Brien, Michael J. 1997. "Racial Differences in Marriage and the Role of Marriage Markets." *Journal of Human Resources* 32:741-778.
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- Kalmijn, Matthijs. 1991. "Shifting Boundaries: Trends in Religious and Educational Homogamy." *American Sociological Review* 56:786-800.
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## **February 16 (Week 4): Cohabitation**

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### **February 23 (Week 5): Divorce**

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**May 4 (Week 15): Presentation of Student Papers**

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