

# Sociology 125 Lecture 17 & 18

## Gender

### **I. GENDER & NATURE**

1. Definition: sex & gender
2. What is “natural”?

### **II. THE EMPIRICAL STORY OF GENDER IN AMERICA: MASSIVE CHANGE IN TWO GENERATIONS**

1. Legal Rights
2. Labor force participation
3. Family structure
4. Occupational Structure
- 5 Domestic division of labor:

### **III. EXPLAINING THESE PATTERNS**

1. *Positional inequality* and *Status inequality*
2. Two Theses on Gender Inequality and its erosion
3. The logic of social change

### **IV. THE CRISIS OF “FEMALE DOMESTICITY” 1960-2000**

- 1 Traditional social supports for sustaining domesticity
2. The collapse of the system

### **V. THE WORLD TODAY: HARD DILEMMAS AND PROSPECTS**

1. Two Worlds
2. Irreversibility
3. Winners & Losers: the stakes in change
4. The decisive reforms that are on the historical agenda

**PAY EQUITY**

**QUALITY CHILDCARE ASSISTANCE**

**PAID PARENTAL LEAVES**