

**320.840--STRATIFICATION, AGING, AND LONG-TERM CARE
(SPECIAL STUDIES)**

Prerequisites: Permission of Instructor
Offered: 3rd Quarter 1996
Meeting Times: Tuesday; 2:00-5:00 pm

Instructor: Dr. Emily M. Agree
Office: 4033-C Hygiene
Phone: 955-4605
Office Hours: 2-4 Mondays, and by appointment.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is being offered as a special studies course for students interested in the interrelationship among social stratification in the U.S. (with an emphasis on race and socio-economic status), health, and long-term care. The course makes extensive use of the sociological frameworks of stratification and life-course analysis to understand the implications of differentials in health and health care service use for future research and policy.

FORMAT AND REQUIREMENTS:

The course will be held as a seminar once a week. Students will be expected to have thoroughly read the material assigned each week and be prepared for extensive discussion. In addition, students will be required to choose a topic and lead class discussion at least once during the term. Seminar leadership and class participation will constitute 50% of the final grade.

In addition, students will be required to write a research paper (15-20 pages) related to one or more of the topics covered in the course. The paper can be a literature review, a critique of theoretical approaches to the topic, or a straightforward analysis. The student should discuss the paper topic with the instructor by the 5th session of the class. The papers are due on March 14th at the end of class. The research paper will count for the other 50% of the final grade.

COURSE MATERIAL:

Two books listed below will provide several readings to be used in the course. Copies of the book and additional articles will be on reserve in the Population Dynamics library, Second Floor, Hygiene Building.

Birren, James, and Vern Bengtson (eds). 1988. *Emergent Theories of Aging*. New York: Springer Publishing.

Preston, Sam and Linda Martin, (eds.) 1994. *The Demography of Aging*, Washington D.C.: National Academy Press.

SCHEDULE OF TOPICS:

January 30, 1996	OVERVIEW: SOCIOLOGICAL THEORIES OF AGING
February 6, 1996	VARIATION--COHORTS, AND CULTURE
February 13, 1996	STRATIFICATION AND THE LIFE COURSE
February 20, 1996	STRATIFICATION, RACE, AND AGING
February 27, 1996	MORTALITY DIFFERENTIALS
March 5, 1996	RACE, SES, AND HEALTH
March 12, 1996	THEORIES OF INFORMAL CARE
March 14, 1996	RACE, FAMILY, AND LONG-TERM CARE

READINGS

January 30, 1996 OVERVIEW: SOCIOLOGICAL THEORIES OF AGING

Passuth, Patricia, and Vern Bengtson. 1988. "Sociological Theories of Aging: Current Perspectives and Future Directions", in *Emergent Theories of Aging* (Birren and Bengtson, eds.) pp 333-355.

February 6, 1996 VARIATION--COHORTS, AND CULTURE

Dannefer, Dale. 1988. "What's in a name? An Account of the Neglect of Variability in the Study of Aging", in *Emergent Theories of Aging* (Birren and Bengtson, eds.) pp 356-384.

Uhlenberg, Peter. 1988. "Aging and the Societal Significance of Cohorts", in *Emergent Theories of Aging* (Birren and Bengtson eds) pp. 405-425.

Fry, Christine. 1988. "Theories of Age and Culture", in *Emergent Theories of Aging* (Birren and Bengtson eds) pp. 447-481.

Kertzer, David. 1989. "Introduction", in *Age Structure in Comparative Perspective* (Kertzer and Schaie, eds) pp 1-20.

February 13, 1996 STRATIFICATION AND THE LIFE COURSE

Riley, Matilda White. 1988. "On the Significance of Age in Sociology", in *Social Structures and Human Lives*, (Social Change and the Life Course, Volume One, Riley, Huber and Hess, eds.) pp 24-42.

Ryder, Norman. 1965. "The Cohort as a Concept in the Study of Social Change", *American Sociological Review*.

O'Rand, Angela. 1990. "Stratification and the Life Course", in *Handbook of Aging and the Social Sciences Third Edition*. (Binstock and George, eds.) pp. 130-150.

Hagestad, Gunhild. 1990. "Social Perspectives on the Life Course", in *Handbook of Aging and the Social Sciences Third Edition*. (Binstock and George, eds.) pp.151-168.

February 20, 1996 STRATIFICATION, RACE, AND AGING

Markides, Kyriakos, Jersey Liang, and James Jackson. 1990. "Race, Ethnicity, and Aging: Conceptual and Methodological Issues", in *Handbook of Aging and the Social Sciences Third Edition*. (Binstock and George, eds.) pp. 112-129.

Markides, K. S.; Keith, V. M. "Race, Aging and health in the USA", *Reviews in Clinical Gerontology*, 5(3):339

February 27, 1996 MORTALITY DIFFERENTIALS

Preston, Samuel, and Paul Taubman. 1994. "Socioeconomic Differences in Adult Mortality and Health Status", *The Demography of Aging*, (Preston and Martin eds.) Washington D.C.: National Academy Press.

Elo, Irma and Samuel Preston, 1994. "Racial and Ethnic Differences in American Mortality at Older Ages", presented at the Workshop on Racial and Ethnic Differences in Health in Later Life in the U.S., National Research Council, Washington D.C. December 12-13, 1994.

Manton, K. Clifford Patrick and Katrina Johnson. 1987. "Health Differentials in Blacks and Whites: Recent Trends in Mortality and Morbidity" *Milbank Memorial Fund Quarterly*, Supp. 1 65:129-99

March 5, 1996 RACE, SES, AND HEALTH

House, J.S. et al. 1994. "The Social Stratification of Aging and Health", *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, 35: 213-234.

House, J.S., Ronald Kessler, and A. Regula Herzog, et al. 1990. "Age, Socioeconomic Status, and Health", *Milbank Quarterly*, 68(3):383-411.

Williams, David R. 1990. "Socioeconomic Differentials in health: A review and Redirection", *Social Psychology Quarterly*, 53(2):81-99.

Clark, Daniel O., and George Maddox. 1993. "Racial and Social Correlates of Age-Related Changes in functioning", *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences*, 47(5):S222-S232.

Bound, John; Schoenbaum, Michael; Waidmann, Timothy Race and Education Differences in Disability Status and Labor Force Attachment in the Health and Retirement Study The Journal of human resources. Volume 30//Supp: pp. S227

March 12, 1996 THEORIES OF INFORMAL CARE

Cantor, Marjorie. 1979. "Neighbors and Friends: An Overlooked Resource in the Informal Support System", *Research on Aging* 1:434-463.

Cantor, Marjorie, and Virginia Little. 1985. "Aging and Social Care", in R.H. Binstock and E. Shanas, eds. *The Handbook on Aging and the Social Sciences*, 2nd edition. New York: Van Nostrand Reinhold.

Litwak, Eugene. 1985. *Helping the Elderly: The Complementary Roles of Informal Networks and Formal Systems*. New York: The Guilford Press. (pages 31-53, and 100-144)

Soldo, B.J., E.M. Agree, and D. Wolf. 1990. "The Balance Between Formal and Informal Care", in Marcia Ory and Kathleen Bond, eds., *Aging and Health Care: Social Science and Policy Perspectives*. London: Routledge Press. (pp 193-216).

March 14, 1996 RACE, FAMILY, AND LONG-TERM CARE

Burton, Linda. 1985. "Black Grandmothers: Issues of Timing and Continuity of Roles", in *Grandparenthood*, . (Bengtson and Robertson, eds.). Beverly Hills: Sage

Bengtson, V. C. Rosenthal, and L. Burton. 1990. "Families and Aging: Diversity and Heterogeneity", in *The Handbook of Aging and the Social Sciences*, (Third Edition), (Robert Binstock and Linda George, eds.) San Diego: Academic Press.

Mutran, Elizabeth. 1985. "Intergenerational Family Support Among Blacks and Whites: Response to Culture or to Socio-economic Differences", *Journal of Gerontology*, 40(3):382-389.

Ruggles, Steven. 1994. "The Origins of African American Family Structure", in *American Sociological Review*, 59:136-151.