

Sociology 226-07: DEMOGRAPHY OF AGING AND LIFE COURSE

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Tues. 9:00 am-12:00 noon

Sociology 226-07 is a research seminar for graduate students and highly qualified undergraduates on the demographic analysis of aging and the life course. An extensive collection of data, research monographs, and journals is available in the demography library on the third floor of Maxcy Hall. The required materials for the seminar will be placed on reserve in the library. In addition, you will be trained to search the bibliographic data bases in order to identify related readings of interest.

You are each expected to participate in both phases, 1) doing the core reading and 2) reporting to the class about studies in the literature, as well as on your own project. This will require two presentations—one on a study listed in the optional readings and one on your final project. The project may be based on either original research or on a library-based analysis, and we will be encouraging you to try a research project on aging based on US census data from 1880 or 1940 to 1990 by providing substantial support. The project is due at the end of the semester--May 13, 1997.

The core readings are listed below. Those NOT required for all are marked by an asterisk (*), and can be considered as suggestions for your additional reading assignments. You should expect to complete the readings listed under a given date BY that date.

Schedule: Topics and Readings

1. **Overview: Concepts and Questions** (1/28)
 - a. Goldscheider, Biddlecom, and McNally 1994. "Dependency, privacy, and power in intergenerational households: Changes in the living arrangements of the elderly in the U.S., 1940-1990." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Los Angeles CA.
2. **Cohort Change: The Elderly as History and the Future** (2/4)
 - a. Treas J and B Logue 1986. "Economic development and the older population." *Population and Development Review* 12, 4:645-674.
 - b. Martin L and K. Kinsella 1994. "Research on the demography of aging in developing countries." Pp. 356-403 in L Martin and S. Preston, eds., *Demography of Aging*. National Academy Press.
 - c. Goldscheider F 1990. "The aging of the gender revolution: What do we know and what do we need to know?" *Research on Aging* 12:531-545.
 - d. Preston S 1994. "Demographic change in the US, 1970-2050." Pp. 51-77 in Manton, Singer, and Suzman, eds., *Forecasting the Health of Elderly Populations*. Springer-Verlag.
3. **Demographic Change and the Elderly** (2/11)
 - a. Uhlenberg P 1996. "Mortality decline in the twentieth century and supply of kin over the life course." *The Gerontologist* 36:681-685.
 - b. Goldscheider F 1997. "Family relationships and life course strategies for the 21st century." Pp. 73-85 in S. Dreman, ed., *The Family on the Threshold of the 21st Century*. Erlbaum.
 - c. Mencken J 1985. "Age and fertility: How late can you wait?" *Demography* 22:469-484.
 - d. Martin L and Cutler 1983. "Mortality decline and Japanese family structure." *Population and Development Review* 9:633-649.
 - e. *Uhlenberg P 1996. "Grandparenthood over time: Historical and demographic trends." Paper presented at the Gerontological Society of America, Washington, DC.

Long Weekend

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4. Living Arrangements of the Elderly I

(2/25)

- a. Kramarow E "Living alone among the elderly in the United States: Historical perspectives on household change. *Demography*, 1995:335-352.
- b. Weinstein, et al., 1995. "Co-residence and other ties linking couples and their parents." Pp. 305-334 in Thornton and Lin, eds., *Social Change and the Family in Taiwan*. Chicago.
- c. Crimmins E & D Ingegneri 1990. "Interaction and living arrangements of older parents and their children: Past trends, present determinants, future implications." *Research on Aging* 12:3-35.
- d. DeVos S 1990. "Extended family living among older people in six Latin American countries." *Journal of Gerontology* 45:S87-94.
- e. Ruggles, S. "Living arrangements of the elderly in America, 1880-1980." In T. Hareven, ed., *Aging and Generational Relations over the Life Course: Historical and Cross-cultural Perspectives*.
- f. *Macunavich D et al., 1995. "Echoes of the baby boom and bust: Recent and prospective changes in living alone among elderly widows in the US." *Demography* 32:17-28.
- g. *Kabir, Md. H. 1994. *Local Level Policy Development to Deal with the Consequences of Population Ageing in Bangladesh*. United Nations, Asian Population Studies Series No. 131-A.

5. Living Arrangements of the Elderly II

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- a. Speare A & R Avery 1993. "Who helps whom in older parent-child families?" *Journal of Gerontology* 48:S64-S73.
- b. Crystal S & P Beck 1992. "A room of one's own: The SRO and the single elderly." *The Gerontologist* 32:684-692.
- c. Wolf D & B Soldo 1988. "Household composition choices of older unmarried women." *Demography* 25(3), pp. 387-403.
- d. Ermisch J and E Overton 1985. "Minimal household units: A new approach to the analysis of household formation. *Population Studies* 39:33-54.
- e. Lewis M et al., 1990. "First nursing home admissions: Time spent at home and in institutions after discharge." *American Journal of Public Health* 80:22-24.
- f. *Freedman, et al., "Determinants of co-residence in extended households." Pp. 335-358 in Thornton and Lin, eds. *Social Change and the Family in Taiwan*. Chicago.
- g. *DaVanzo J and A Chen 1994. "Living arrangements of older Malaysians: Whocoresides with their adult children?" *Demography* 31:95-113.

Proposals due on February 28
(Individual meetings to discuss them on March 3-5)

6. Ethnicity, Socioeconomic Inequality and the Elderly

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- a. Ferraro K & M Farmer 1996. "Double jeopardy, aging as leveler, or persistent health inequality? A longitudinal analysis of white and black Americans." *Journal of Gerontology* 51B:S319-328.
- b. Burr J and J Mutchler 1993. "Nativity, acculturation, and economic status: Explanations of Asian American living arrangements in later life." *Journal of Gerontology* 48:S55-63.
- c. Silverstein M and L Waite 1993. "Are blacks more likely than whites to receive and provide social support in middle and old age? Yes, no, and maybe so." *Journal of Gerontology* 48:212-222.
- d. House, et al., 1994. "The social stratification of aging and health." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 35:213-234.
- e. *Crystal S & K Waehrer 1996. "Later-life economic inequality in longitudinal perspective." *Journal of Gerontology* 51B:S307-318.
- f. *Worobey J and D Hogan 1991. "The demography of minority aging populations." Paper prepared for the Gerontological Society of America Task Force on Minority Issues in Gerontology.

7. Production, Reproduction, and Independence

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- a. Pampel, F. 1994. "Population aging, class context, and age inequality in public spending." *American Journal of Sociology* 100:153-195.
- b. Herzog, et al. 1989. "Age differences in productive activities." *Journal of Gerontology* 44:S129-138.
- c. Verbrugge, et al. 1996 "Age differences and age changes in activities: Baltimore longitudinal study of aging." *Journal of Gerontology* 51B:S30-41.
- d. Lillard L 1996. "Socioeconomic differentials in the returns to Social Security." RAND L&P Working Paper Series 96-05.
- e. *Waehrer K and S Crystal 1995. "The impact of coresidence on economic well-being of elderly widows." *Journal of Gerontology* 50B:S250-258.

Vacation and PAA

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8. Retirement and Migration

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- a. Quinn, J and R Burkhauser, 1994. "Retirement and labor force behavior of the elderly." Pp. 50-101 in L. Martin and S. Preston, eds. *Demography of Aging* National Academy Press.
- b. Henretta J, et al. 1993. "Joint role investments and synchronization of retirement: A sequential approach to couples' retirement timing." *Social Forces* 71:981-1000.
- c. Newbold K 1996. "Determinants of elderly interstate migration in the US, 1985-1990." *Research on Aging* 18:451-476.
- d. Silverstein M 1995. "Stability and change in temporal distance between the elderly and their children." *Demography* 32:29-45.
- e. Litwak E. & C. F. Longino, Jr. "Migration Patterns among the Elderly: A Developmental Perspective," *The Gerontologist*, 1987, 27, 266-272.
- f. *Szinovacz, M 1996. "Couple employment/retirement patterns and perceptions of marital quality." *Research on Aging* 18:243-268.
- g. *Ruhm C 1996. "Gender differences in employment behavior during late middle age." *Journal of Gerontology* 51B:S11-17.

9. Health, Disability, and Functional Status

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- a. Worobey J and R Angel 1990. "Functional capacity and living arrangements of unmarried elderly persons." *Journal of Gerontology* 45:S95-101.
- b. Kannisto V et al. 1994. "Reductions in mortality at advanced ages: Several decades of evidence from 27 countries." *Population and Development Review* 20:793-810.
- c. Crimmins E et al., 1994. "Changing mortality and morbidity rates and health status and life expectancy of the older population." *Demography* 31:159-175.
- d. Saurborn R et al., 1996. "Age bias, but no gender bias, in the intra-household resource allocation for health care in rural Burkina Faso." *Health Transition Review* 6:131-145.
- e. *Allen S et al., 1993. "Measurement of need for assistance with daily activities: Quantifying the influence of gender roles." *Journal of Gerontology* 48:S204-211.
- f. *Pramualratana A 1991. "Consensual neglect: An interpretive analysis of adult children's support to the old in rural Thailand." Paper presented at the PAA.
- g. *Chapters in Manton, et al., *Forecasting the Health of Elderly Populations*. Springer-Verlag.

10. Income and Income Flows Between Generations

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- a. Hogan D and Eggebeen D 1995. "Sources of aid and assistance in old age." *Social Forces* 73:917-36.
- b. Martin L 1990. "Changing intergenerational family relations in East Asia." *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 510:102-114.
- c. Goldscheider F and Goldscheider C 1989. "The new family economy: residential and economic relationships among the generations. Pp. 1-16 in Goldscheider and Goldscheider, eds. *Ethnicity and the New Family Economy: Living Arrangements and Intergenerational Financial Flows*. Boulder: Westview.
- d. Torrey B 1988. "Assets of the aged: Clues and issues." *Population and Development Review* 14:489-498.
- e. *Easterlin R 1987. "The new age structure of poverty in America." *Population and Development Review* 13:195-208.

11. **Social Aspects of Intergenerational Relationships**

(4/29)

- a. Preston S 1984. "Children and the elderly: Divergent paths for America's dependents." *Demography*. 1984:435-457.
- b. Logan J and G Spitze 1995. "Self-interest and altruism in intergenerational relations." *Demography* 32, 3:353:364.
- c. Thornton A and Lin H 1995, ch. 14.
- d. Aldous, J 1995. "New views of grandparents in intergenerational context." *Journal of Family Issues* 16, 1, 104-122.
- e. *McLanahan S and Monson R 1990. "Caring for the elderly: Prevalence and consequences." NSFH Working Paper No. 18.
- f. *Connidis I and Campbell L 1995. "Closeness, confiding, and contact among siblings in middle and late adulthood." *Journal of Family Issues* 16:722-45.

12. Continuation and Reports

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