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 databases 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 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)

2. Cohort Change: The Elderly as History and the Future (2/4)

3. Demographic Change and the Elderly (2/11)

Long Weekend (2/18)
4. Living Arrangements of the Elderly I  

5. Living Arrangements of the Elderly II  

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

6. Ethnicity, Socioeconomic Inequality and the Elderly  
7. Production, Reproduction, and Independence (3/18)

Vacation and PAA (3/25)

8. Retirement and Migration (4/1)


11. **Social Aspects of Intergenerational Relationships** (4/29)  

12. Continuation and Reports (5/6)