

When a student has passed a comprehensive examination, the Department certifies that (s)he has up-to-date knowledge of a given field in Sociology. To prepare for any comprehensive examination it is advisable to gain experience by taking a graduate course and working as a research assistant in the field: working as a teaching assistant can also help, as may becoming a student member of ASA sections or ISA research committees. Students should be aware of the major US and international journals in the field and should consult recent issues of serials such as the *Annual Review of Sociology*. This list is lacking in coverage of North American Aboriginal Peoples.

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- Becker, Gary S. *A treatise on the family*. Enlarged Edition. Harvard Univ. Press. 1991. HQ 518 B35 1991 SIGS
- Bernard, Jessie. *The future of marriage*. World. 1972.
- Bernard, Jessie. *The future of motherhood*. Dial. 1974.
- Hochschild, Arlie. *The second shift*. Viking. 1989.
- Ladurie, Emmanuel. *Montaillou: The promised land of error*. Tr. Barbara Bray. Vintage Books. 1979
- Laslett, Peter. *The world we have lost*. Methuen. 1<sup>st</sup> ed. 1965. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. 1971.
- Rainwater, Lee and William L. Yancey. *The Moynihan report and the politics of controversy*. MIT Press. 1967.
- Tillion, Germaine. *Le Harem et les Cousins / The Republic of Cousins*. Seuil 1966. Al Saqui 1983.

### 2. Marriage as a Religious and Social Institution

- Cott, Nancy F. *Public Vows: A History of Marriage and Nation*. Harvard University Press. 2001.
- Kandiyoti, D. "Islam and Patriarchy: A Comparative Perspective". Reprinted as pp. 219-235 in Hesse-Biber, Sharlene, Christina Gilmartin and Robin Lydenberg (Eds.) *Feminist Approaches to Theory and Methodology: an interdisciplinary reader*. Oxford University Press. 1999. HQ 1180.F43 Robarts and New College Lib.
- Waite, Linda J. and Maggie Gallagher. *The Case for Marriage: Why Married People are Happier, Healthier and Better off Financially*. Doubleday. 2000. (This is a popular treatment of Waite's research).

### 3. Demographic Bases of Mate-Selection and Family Life

Changing Life Expectancies; Changing Fertility and the Demographic Transition; The Marriage Squeeze

- Schoen, Robert and John Baj. "The Impact of the Marriage Squeeze in Five Western Countries." *Sociology and Social Research*, 1985, 70, 1, Oct, 8-19.
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#### 4. Trends of Modernization and Individualization

Brewster, Karin L and Ronald R. Rindfuss. "Fertility and Women's Employment in Industrialized Nations." *Annual Review of Sociology*, 2000, 26: 271-296.

Jones, Charles et al. *The Futures of the Family*. Prentice Hall. 1995.

Sweet, James and Larry Bumpass. *American Families and Households*. Russell Sage. 1987. HQ 536 S88

#### 5. Family Structures, Kinship and Processes Among African-Americans

Tucker, M Belinda and Claudia Mitchell-Kernan. "Trends in African American Family Formation: A Theoretical and Statistical Overview." In *The Decline in Marriage Among African Americans: Causes, Consequences and Policy Implications*. Tucker, M. Belinda, and Mitchell-Kernan, Claudia [Eds], New York, NY: Russell Sage Foundation, 1995, pp 3-26

#### 6. Families, Kinship and Processes of Migration and Settlement.

Iacovetta, Franca. *Such Hard-Working People*. University of Toronto Press.

Reitz, Jeffrey G. *The Warmth of the Welcome*. Westview Press.

#### 7. Within-Family Processes: Role Specialization, Segregation, Violence, etc.

Role Specialization in Families: Market Work and Domestic Work; Spousal Violence, Child Abuse and Child Neglect, Elder Abuse

Oppenheimer, Valerie Kincade. Women's Employment and the Gain to Marriage: The Specialization and Trading Model. *Annual Review of Sociology*, 1997, 23, 431-453.

Laing, Ronald D. *The Divided Self and Sanity, Madness and the Family* (these were part of a projected series: *The Families of Schizophrenics*)

Daly, Martin and Margo Wilson. "Evolutionary Social Psychology and Family Homicide". *Science*, vol. 242, 1988: 519-242.

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Amato, Paul, R. and Bruce Keith. "Parental Divorce and the Well-Being of Children: A Meta-Analysis", *Psychological Bulletin*, 110 (1) 1991: 26-46.

Cherlin, Andrew, et al. "Longitudinal Studies of Effects of Divorce on Children in Great Britain and the United States". *Science*, vol. 252, 1991: 1386-9.

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Lown, J.M. and E.M. Dolan. Remarried families' economic behaviour: Fishman's model revisited. *Journal of Divorce and Remarriage*. 22: 103-19.

### 10. Intersection of Sociology of the Family with the field of Sociology of Law

Glendon, Mary Ann. *Abortion and Divorce in Western Law: American Failures, European Challenges*. Harvard Univ. Press. 1987.

Johnston, David. *Roman Law in Context*. Cambridge Univ. Press. 1999.

Klein, Susan S. 1985 "Individualism, Liberalism and the New Family Law". *University of Toronto Faculty of Law Review*, 43 (1) Spring: 116-35.

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Corcoran, Mary, Sandra K. Danziger, Ariel Kalil, and Kristin S. Seefeldt. How Welfare Reform Is Affecting Women's Work. *Annual Review of Sociology*, 2000, 26, 241-269.

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McLanahan, Sara. Family, State, and Child Well-Being. *Annual Review of Sociology*, 2000, 26, 703-706.

### 12. Differentiation of North American Family Forms at the end of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

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