

SOCIOLOGY 574 – POLITICS OF REPRODUCTION
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SPRING 2013: THURSDAY 9:50 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.
SOCIOLOGY SEMINAR ROOM

Please read this syllabus carefully. You are responsible for everything stated below.

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

“Politics of reproduction” refers to the intersection between politics and the life course generally. More specially, we will consider the state's regulation of biological and social reproduction wherein increasing governance of private life, intimacy, and sexuality suggests the blurring of boundaries between public and private interests. These state activities and policies include promoting fertility, attempts to curb population growth, limiting access to reproductive health care, and increasing governance of pregnancy—all of which have the potential to alter the meaning of gender, race, sexuality, families, and state. Drawing upon readings from varied perspectives and disciplines, we will explore these issues and themes around topics of pro-natalist, anti-natalist, and maternalist policies; identity formation and eugenics; abortion; pregnancy; teen pregnancy and sex education; and new reproductive technologies.

OBJECTIVES

1. Develop sociological lens for examining political regulation of reproduction
2. Critically evaluate social and biological reproduction
3. Identify theoretical and empirical gaps and overlaps in the literature
4. Identify core themes for pursuing future research on reproductive politics

REQUIREMENTS

1) Six weekly memos (30%): Short, one- to two-page memos that critically engage the readings (all available on Sakai). Do not summarize the materials but instead discuss the strengths and weaknesses and discover ways to make theoretical and/or empirical connections. Due every Wednesday by 12 NOON PRIOR to our class meeting – so that we all have sufficient time to read them in preparation for our class meetings. Please upload your memos onto Sakai (in Resources, Weekly Memos). Please read your classmates’ memos in preparation for discussion.

2) Seminar Leader (15%): Each of you will have an opportunity (depending on total number of students – solo or in small groups) to lead a weekly seminar. Using the weekly memos as a guide, prepare an agenda (to disseminate at the start of class) for discussion on the week’s topic and readings.

3) Class Participation (15%): A successful seminar requires the full participation of all members. I expect you to come to class prepared to discuss the readings and issues raised in each other's memos.

4) Short research paper OR extended literature/book review (15 pages; 40%) DUE between 3/14 and 3/26 at 12 p.m. (in my mailbox)

a. Short research paper: I realize that students in the course are at various stages of their training. For those of you at the start of your research, I encourage you to develop a research proposal or critical paper that evaluates the central issues of this course. Please see me early to get recommendations on additional readings. Those of you who have already begun research on related themes for qualifying papers or dissertation research are encouraged to write a paper that engages the course materials while extending your research agenda. This may be in preparation for a grant, qualifying paper, or dissertation proposal.

b. Extended literature/book review: Select a couple of books published recently or a group of articles on a topic related to the course. Write a review of the literature, engaging the questions/themes raised in the course, new empirical or theoretical points generated, or research gaps that remain. This should NOT be a descriptive summary of the readings but instead an analytical paper.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Week 1: January 24

Introduction: The Politics of Reproduction

Laslett, Barbara, and J. Brenner. 1989. "Gender and Social Reproduction: Historical Perspectives." *Annual Review of Sociology* 15: 381–404.

Recommended:

Gal, Susan, and Gail Kligman, 2000. "Reproduction as Politics." Pp. 15-36 in *The Politics of Gender After Socialism: A Comparative-Historical Essay*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

Ginsburg, Faye D., and Rayna R. Reiter. 1995. "The Politics of Reproduction." Pp. 1-17 in *Conceiving the New World Order: The Global Politics of Reproduction*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Solinger, Rickie. 2005. "What is Reproductive Politics?" Pp. 1-26 in *Pregnancy and Power: A Short History of Reproductive Politics in America*. New York: New York University Press.

Yuval-Davis, Nira. 1997. *Gender & Nation*. London: Sage Publications.

Week 2: January 31

Nations, States, and Fertility: Pro-natalist, Anti-natalist, and Maternalist Policies

Koven, Seth, and Sonya Michel. 1990. "Womanly Duties: Maternalist Politics and the Origins of Welfare States in France, Germany, Great Britain, and the United States." *American Historical Review* 95(4): 1076-1108.

Klaus, Alisa. 1993. "Depopulation and Race Suicide: Maternalism and Pronatalist Ideologies in France and the United States." Pp. 188-212 in *Mothers of a New World: Maternalist Politics and the Origins of Welfare State*, edited by Seth Koven and Sonya Michel. New York: Routledge.

Bock, Gisela. 1991. "Antinatalism, Maternity and Paternity in National Socialist Racism." Pp. 233-55 in *Maternity and Gender Policies: Women and the Rise of the European Welfare States, 1880s-1950s*, edited by Gisela Bock and Pat Thane. London: Routledge.

Greenhalgh, Susan. 2003. "Planned Births, Unplanned Persons: 'Population' in the Making of Chinese Modernity." *American Ethnologist* 30: 196-215.

Kligman, Gail. 1995. "Political Demography: The Banning of Abortion in Ceaușescu's Romania." Pp. 234-55 in *Conceiving the New World Order: The Global Politics of Reproduction*, edited by Faye Ginsberg and Rayna Rapp. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Recommended:

The Economist. "The Flight from Marriage." *The Economist*, August 20, 2011.

The Economist. "Gendercide: The War on Baby Girls." *The Economist*, March 4, 2010.

The Economist. "Contraception and Development: Choice Not Chance." *The Economist*, July 14, 2012, pp. 53-54.

Weiss, Kenneth R. "Beyond 7 Billion: Part 1, The Biggest Generation." *Los Angeles Times*, July 22, 2012 (online).

Atwood, Margaret. 1986. *The Handmaid's Tale*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company.

Connelly, Matthew. 2008. "Introduction: How Biology Became History." Pp. 1-17 in *Fatal Misconception: The Struggle to Control World Population*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.

Gu, Baochang, Wang Feng, Guo Zhigang, and Zhang Erli. 2007. "China's Local and National Fertility Policies at the End of the Twentieth Century." *Population and Development Review* 33(1): 129-48.

- Gutmann, Matthew. 2011. "Planning Men out of Family Planning: A Case Study from Mexico." Pp. 53-67 in *Reproduction, Globalization, and the State: New Theoretical and Ethnographic Perspectives*, edited by Carole H. Browner and Carolyn Fishel Sargent. Durham, NC: Duke University Press.
- Michel, Sonya. 1993. "The Limits of Maternalism: Policies Towards American Wage-Earning Mothers during the Progressive Era." Pp. 277-320 in *Mothers of a New World: Maternalist Politics and the Origins of Welfare State*, edited by Seth Koven and Sonya Michel. New York: Routledge.
- Mink, Gwendolyn. 1995. *The Wages of Motherhood: Inequality in the Welfare State, 1917-1942*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.
- Roberts, Dorothy. 1997. *Killing the Black Body: Race, Reproduction, and the Meaning of Liberty*. New York: Pantheon Books, pp. 139-49.
- Zhao, Zhongwei, and Wei Chen. 2011. "China's Far below Replacement Fertility and Its Long-term Impact: Comments on the Preliminary Results of the 2010 Census." *Demographic Research* 25(26): 819-836. <http://www.demographic-research.org/Volumes/Vol25/26/25-26.pdf>

Week 3: February 7

Nations, States, and Fertility: Reproducing Identity

- Conradsen, Inger Marie, and Annette Kronborg. 2007. "Changing Matrimonial Law in the Image of Immigration Law." Pp. 228-42 in *Women Migrants from East to West: Gender, Mobility and Belonging in Contemporary Europe*, edited by Luisa Passerini, et al. New York: Berghahn Books.
- Fassin, Didier. 2011. "The Mystery Child and the Politics of Reproduction: Between National Imaginaries and Transnational Confrontations." Pp. 239-48 in *Reproduction, Globalization, and the State: New Theoretical and Ethnographic Perspectives*, edited by Carole H. Browner and Carolyn Fishel Sargent. Durham, NC: Duke University Press.
- Huang, Priscilla. 2008. "Anchor Babies, Over-Breeders, and the Population Bomb: The Reemergence of Nativism and Population Control in Anti-Immigration Policies," *Harvard Law & Policy Review* 2.2: 385-406.
- Lan, Pei Chai. 2008. "Migrant Women's Bodies as Boundary Markers_Reproductive Crisis and Sexual Control in the Ethnic Frontier of Taiwan." *Signs* 33(4): 833-62.
- Kligman, Gail. 2005. "A Reflection on Barren States: The Demographic Paradoxes of Consumer Capitalism." Pp. 249-59 in *Barren States: The Population "Implosion" in Europe*, edited by Carrie B. Douglas. Oxford: Berg.

Recommended:

- Baban, Adriana. 2000. "Women's Sexuality and Reproductive Behavior in Post-Ceausescu Romania." Pp. 225-55 in *Reproducing Gender: Politics, Publics, and Everyday Life After Socialism*, edited by Susan Gal and Gail Kligman. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.
- Chen, Junjie. 2011. "Globalizing, Reproducing, and Civilizing Rural Subjects: Population Control Policy and Constructions of Rural Identity in China." Pp. 38-52 in *Reproduction, Globalization, and the State: New Theoretical and Ethnographic Perspectives*, edited by Carole H. Browner and Carolyn Fishel Sargent. Durham, NC: Duke University Press.
- Douglass, Carrie B. 2005. "Introduction." Pp. 1-18 in *Barren States: The Population "Implosion" in Europe*, edited by Carrie B. Douglas. Oxford: Berg.
- Dyer, S. J. 2007. "The Value of Children in African Countries: Insights from Studies on Infertility." *Journal of Psychosomatic Obstetrics and Gynecology* 28(2): 69-77.
- Hirata, Lucy Cheng. 1979. "Free, Indentured, Enslaved: Chinese Prostitutes in Nineteenth Century America." *Signs: Journal of Women and Culture in Society* 5: 3-29.
- Huntington, Samuel P. 2004. "The Hispanic Challenge." *Foreign Policy* 141: 30-45.
- Kanaaneh, Rhoda Ann. 2002. *Birthing the Nation Strategies of Palestinian Women in Israel*. Berkeley: University of California Press.
- Mostov, Julie. 1995. "Our Women'/Their Women': Symbolic Boundaries, Territorial Markers, and Violence in the Balkans." *Peace and Change* 20(4): 515-29.
- Ordoover, Nancy. 2003. *American Eugenics: Race, Queer Anatomy, and the Science of Nationalism*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.
- Sargent, Carolyn Fishel. 2011. "Problematizing Polygamy, Managing Maternity: The Intersections of Global, State, and Family Politics in the Lives of West African Migrant Women in France." Pp. 192-203 in *Reproduction, Globalization, and the State: New Theoretical and Ethnographic Perspectives*, edited by Carole H. Browner and Carolyn Fishel Sargent. Durham, NC: Duke University Press.
- Stoler, Ann Laura. 1989. "Making Empire Respectable: The Politics of Race and Sexual Morality in Twentieth-Century Colonial Culture." *American Ethnologist* 16(4): 634-60.

Week 4: February 14

Abortion Politics and Fertility Control in the U.S.

Gordon, Linda. 2007. "Race Suicide," pp. 86-104 in *The Moral Property of Women: A History of Birth Control Politics in America*. Urbana and Chicago: University of Illinois Press.

Petchesky, Rosalind P. 1990. *Abortion and Woman's Choice: The State, Sexuality, and Reproductive Freedom*. Boston: Northeastern University Press, pp. 1-21, 25-66.

Roberts, Dorothy. 1997. "The Dark Side of Birth Control," part of "From Norplant to the Contraceptive Vaccine," Pp. 56-116 in *Killing the Black Body: Race, Reproduction, and the Meaning of Liberty*. New York: Pantheon Books.

*Guttmacher Institute's website -- <http://www.guttmacher.org/sections/abortion.php>

*The Center for Reproductive Rights -- <http://www.reproductiverights.org/>

Recommended:

Epstein, Randi Hutter. 2010. *Get Me Out: A History of Childbirth from the Garden of Eden to the Sperm Bank*. New York: W.W. Norton.

Faludi, Susan. 1991. "Reproductive Rights Under the Backlash: The Invasion of Women's Bodies." Pp. 400-53 in *Backlash: The Undeclared War Against American Women*. New York: Crown.

Ginsburg, Faye D. 1989. *Contested Lives: The Abortion Debate in an American Community*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Gordon, Linda. 1976. *Woman's Body, Woman's Right: A Social History of Birth Control in America*. New York: Grossman.

Heath, Melanie. 2003. "Soft-Boiled Masculinity: Renegotiating Gender and Racial Ideologies in the Promise Keepers' Movement." *Gender and Society* 17(3): 423-44.

Joffe, Carole E. 1995. *Doctors of Conscience: The Struggle to Provide Abortion Before and After Roe V. Wade*. Boston: Beacon Press.

Kline, Wendy. 2001. *Building a Better Race: Gender, Sexuality, and Eugenics from the Turn of the Century to the Baby Boom*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Luker, Kristin. 1984. *Abortion and the Politics of Motherhood*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Reagan, Leslie J. 1997. *When Abortion Was a Crime: Women, Medicine, and Law in the United States, 1867-1973*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Week 5: February 21
Regulating Pregnancy

Roberts, Dorothy. 1997. "Making Reproduction a Crime," Pp. 150-201 in *Killing the Black Body: Race, Reproduction, and the Meaning of Liberty*. New York: Pantheon Books.

Bridges, Khiara M. 2011. *Reproducing Race: An Ethnography of Pregnancy as a Site of Racialization*. Berkeley: University of California Press, chapters 2 and 3.

Park, Lisa Sun-Hee. 2011. *Entitled to Nothing: The Struggle for Immigrant Health Care in the Age of Welfare Reform*. New York: NYU Press, chapters 1 and 2.

Recommended

Paltrow, Lynn M., and Jeanne Flavin. 2013. "Arrests of and Forced Interventions on Pregnant Women in the United States, 1973-2005: Implications for Women's Legal Status and Public Health." *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law* 38(2): 299-343.

Flavin, Jeanne. 2009. *Our Bodies, Our Crimes: The Policing of Women's Reproduction in America*. New York: New York University Press.

Week 6: February 28
Teen Pregnancy as a Social Problem and Sex Education

Geronimus, Arline T. 2003. "Damned if You Do: Culture, Identity, Privilege, and Teenage Childbearing in the United States." *Social Science and Medicine* 57(5): 881-893.

Luker, Kristin. 1996. *Dubious Conceptions: The Politics of Teenage Pregnancy*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, chapters 1, 3, and 4.

Luker, Kristin. 2007. *When Sex Goes to School: Warring Views on Sex—and Sex Education—Since the Sixties*. New York: W. W. Norton & Co, chapter 9.

Solinger, Rickie. 1994. "Race and 'Value': Black and White Illegitimate Babies." Pp. 287-310 in *Mothering: Ideology, Experience, and Agency*, edited by Evelyn Nakano Glenn, Grace Chang, and Linda Rennie Forcey. New York: Routledge.

Recommended

Furstenberg, Frank. 2008. "Cause for Alarm? Understanding Recent Trends in Teenage Childbearing." *Pathways: A Magazine on Poverty, Inequality, and Social Policy* (Summer): 3-6.

Kaplan, Elaine Bell. 1997. *Not Our Kind of Girl Unraveling the Myths of Black Teenage Motherhood*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Solinger, Rickie. 2001. *Beggars and Choosers: How the Politics of Choice Shapes Adoption, Abortion, and Welfare in the United States*. New York: Hill and Wang.

Solinger, Rickie. 1992. *Wake Up Little Susie: Single Prenancy and Race before Roe v. Wade*. New York: Routledge.

Week 7: March 7

New Reproductive Technologies

Blank, Robert H., and Janna C. Merrick. 1995. "Prenatal Intervention." Pp. 133-153 in *Human Reproduction, Emerging Technologies, and Conflicting Rights*. Washington, DC: CQ Press.

Markens, Susan. 2007. "'Choice' and the 'Best Interests of the Children': Claiming the Problem of Surrogate Motherhood." Pp. 50-76 in *Surrogate Motherhood and the Politics of Reproduction*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Roberts, Dorothy. 2009. "Race, Gender, and Genetic Technologies: A New Reproductive Dystopia?" *Signs* 34(4): 783-804.

Inhorn, Marcia C. 2011. "Globalization and Gametes: Islam, Assisted Reproductive Technologies, and The Middle Eastern State." Pp. 126-37 in *Reproduction, Globalization, and the State: New Theoretical and Ethnographic Perspectives*, edited by Carole H. Browner and Carolyn Fishel Sargent. Durham, NC: Duke University Press.

Daniels, Cynthia. 2006. *Exposing Men: The Science and Politics of Male Reproduction*. New York: Oxford University Press, chapter 4 "Commodifying Men."

Recommended:

Almeling, Rene. 2011. *Sex Cells: The Medical Market for Eggs and Sperm*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Blank, Robert H., and Janna C. Merrick. 1995. *Human Reproduction, Emerging Technologies, and Conflicting Rights*. Washington, DC: CQ Press.

Browner, Carole H. 2011. "Lost in Translation: Lessons from California on the Implementation of State-Mandated Fetal Diagnosis in the Context of Globalization." Pp. 204-223 in *Reproduction, Globalization, and the State: New Theoretical and Ethnographic Perspectives*, edited by Carole H. Browner and Carolyn Fishel Sargent. Durham, NC: Duke University Press.

- Dalton, Susan. 2000. "Nonbiological Mothers and the Legal Boundaries of Motherhood: An Analysis of California Law." Pp. 191-232 in *Ideologies and Technologies of Motherhood*, ed. Helena Ragoné and France Winddance Twine. New York: Routledge.
- Dolgin, Janet L. 1997. *Defining the Family: Law, Technology, and Reproduction in an Uneasy Age*. New York: New York University Press.
- Kishwar, Madhu. 1997. "Mothers and Disappearing Daughters: Sex Determination Tests in India." Pp. 334-45 in *The Politics of Motherhood Activist Voices from Left to Right*, edited by Alexis Jetter, Annelise Orleck, and Diana Taylor. Hanover: Dartmouth College.
- Kraft, Dina. "Where Families are Prized, Help is Free." *New York Times*, July 17, 2011.
- Markens, Susan, Carole H. Browner, and Nancy Press. 1997. "Feeding the Fetus: On Interrogating the Notion of Maternal-Fetal Conflict." *Feminist Studies* 23(2): 351-72.
- Mundy, Liza. 2008. *Everything Conceivable: How Assisted Reproduction Is Changing Our World*. New York: Anchor Books.
- Pollitt, Katha. "The Strange Case of Baby M," *The Nation*, May 23, 1987, pp. 682-88.
- Ragoné, Helena. 1999. "The Gift of Life: Surrogate Motherhood, Gamete Donation, and Constructions of Altruism." Pp. 65-88 in *Transformative Motherhood: On Giving and Getting in a Consumer Culture*, edited by Linda L. Layne. New York: New York University Press.
- Ragoné, Helena. 1994. *Surrogate Motherhood: Conception in the Heart*. Boulder: Westview Press.
- Rapp, Rayna. 2000. *Testing Women, Testing the Fetus: The Social Impact of Amniocentesis in America*. New York: Routledge.
- Rapp, Rayna. 1990. "Constructing Amniocentesis: Maternal and Medical Discourses." Pp. 28-42 in *Uncertain Terms: Negotiating Gender in American Culture*, edited by Faye D. Ginsburg and Anna Lowenhaupt Tsing. Boston: Beacon Press.
- Teman, Elly. 2010. *Birthing a Mother: The Surrogate Body and the Pregnant Self*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

*** FINAL PAPER IS DUE B/W MARCH 14 – MARCH 26 (LAST DATE @ 12 P.M.) ***