University of Guelph Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Sociology 6070: Graduate Sociological Theory
Fall 2018

Details
Time & Location: TBA
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REQUIRED MATERIALS
Readings on library E-reserve

ASSESSMENT
Details regarding assessment will be available later this summer. However, graduate students should expect a research paper proposal, a research paper, and some form of participation grade.

COURSE OVERVIEW
This course has been designed around 10-12 different themes that will provide us with an opportunity to extend our intellectual horizons in myriad directions. The themes are "generic" in so far as they are likely to be compatible with your own research interests while, at the same time, being robust enough to stand on their own. We will be exploring a blend of classic and contemporary works. My hope is that 6070 will advance your sociological imagination in new and inspiring ways. More often than not, that means thinking outside the box and outside your intellectual comfort zone. Together we will look for theoretical connections between phenomena that are seemingly unrelated, and we will subject the "obvious" to critical examination. At the end of the semester, I hope you will be in a position to take what you have learned and apply it to your own research.

YOUR READINGS
All your readings will be made available through ARES (the electronic reserve system on the library’s website). Please be sure to print and bring your readings to class so you can refer to them during our discussions. Please read course material carefully and be prepared to engage your colleagues during the seminar. If you have trouble understanding the material, please ask questions. Explaining the material to each other builds a sense of community and only strengthens the learning experience for everyone. Of course, I am always more than happy to discuss ideas with you one-on-one if that’s your preference.

ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT
Late assignments will not be accepted unless proper medical documentation is presented. Moreover, the prevailing assumption will be that you have read and understood the University’s policies on academic misconduct. Please note that we will be using Turnitin.com as a “teaching tool” during the semester. Because you will have access to your originality reports before handing in your assignments, you will be able to make sure your work meets all expectations regarding academic integrity before it is graded. Turnitin.com is fully integrated with the CourseLink
drop-box system. No additional steps are required.

SEMINAR DISTRACTIONS

Successful graduate-level seminars require everyone’s full attention and participation. Unfortunately, laptop computers can distract even the most dedicated students. Although certainly not a course requirement, I would strongly advise you to leave your laptops (and cell phones) at home. Instead, bring your readings, a notebook, and a pen. Focus. Focus. Focus