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Office Hours: Thursdays, 3-4 p.m.

Seminar on
RACE, CLASS, AND GENDER IN POLICY ACTION

This seminar explores the intersection of race, class, and gender in social relations and public policy processes and outcomes. Examining a wide variety of theoretical perspectives and empirical studies, the course is aimed at developing a critical assessment of the interactive causes, maintenance, and reproduction of various systems of stratification and inequality, and determining how they affect and are affected by policy action. It considers structural, cultural, and historical factors to investigate the nature, dynamics, and interplay of these aspects of society and identity, and also attends to questions of age and disability. The seminar is designed to offer an instructional overview of various issues, such as culture and socialization, labor market outcomes, the persistence of poverty, and comparative development, as reflected in race, class, and gender relations.

Grades will be determined by class participation (20%), two brief analytical critiques (25% each, 50% total), and a more in-depth research paper (30%).

Required reading includes a variety of individual articles and chapters and the most recent editions of the following books:

- Alcoff, Linda, and Eduardo Mendieta, eds. *Identities: Race, Class, Gender, and Nationality*. Blackwell.
- Andersen, Margaret L., and Patricia Hill Collins, eds. *Race, Class, and Gender: An Anthology*. Wadsworth Publishing.
- Di Leo, Jeffrey R., ed. *Morality Matters: Race, Class, and Gender in Applied Ethics*. Mayfield Publishing.
- Grusky, David, ed. *Social Stratification: Class, Race, and Gender in Sociological Perspective*. Westview.
- Le Guin, Ursula K. *The Left Hand of Darkness*. Ace Books.
- Piercy, Marge. *Woman on the Edge of Time*. Random House.
- Rothman, Robert A. *Inequality and Stratification: Race, Class, and Gender*. Pearson Education.