

PSC 237

DOMESTIC SOCIAL POLICY

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Books for purchase (all paperback):

Danziger and Haveman, Understanding Poverty

Mead, The New Paternalism

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~~Wilson, When Work Disappears~~

~~Sawhill, Welfare Reform and Beyond~~

Course requirements: There are two quizzes (**October 15 and November 1**

4) each worth 20 percent of the final grade. A final exam (Jan. 12) will count for 40 percent of the grade. **There is no final examination.**

~~POLICY AND POLITICS MAKING FOR MEDICAL POLICY DECISIONS (0/5 0/10)~~

Lindblom, "The Science of Muddling Through"

2. The Commitment to Reduce Poverty (9/17 - 9/24)

Heclo, "Poverty Politics"

Understanding Poverty, Ch. 1, 6

Bane and Ellwood, Welfare Realities Ch.5

Holcombe, "AFDC's Formative Years (1935-1960)"

3. Definition of the Problem (9/26 - 10/10)

When Work Disappears Ch. 6, 7

Banfield, The Unheavenly City Revisited Ch. 3

Banfield, The Unheavenly City Ch. 6

Bane and Ellwood, Ch. 3

Mead, The New Politics of Poverty, Ch. 3, 4

Mead, The New Paternalism, Ch. 9, 10

Changing Poverty, Ch.2

2008 Green Book* Appendix E

FIRST QUIZ 10/15

4. The "Causes" of Poverty (10/17 - 10/29)

When Work Disappears Ch. 1-5

Changing Poverty, Ch 12

Sowell, Markets and Minorities Ch. 2

Jacobs, The Political Economy of Organizational Change, pp. 1-8, 153-158

Katz, The Underclass pp. 9-25

Mead, "Misunderstanding Poverty"

2008 Green Book Ch. 7/8

5. Poverty Programs and Their Impact (10/31 -11/12)

Green Book Ch. 7,8

Changing Poverty, Ch. 12-14

SECOND QUIZ 11/14

6. Rethinking (11/19 - 11/28)

Wilson, More Than Just Race Ch. 1

Sawhill, "Poverty and the Underclass" pp. 215-230

Sawhill, "The Behavioral Aspects of Poverty"

Mead, The New Paternalism Ch. 2-4

Understanding Poverty, Ch. 2 - 4, 8, 9 (skim)

McLanahan, "Consequences of Single Motherhood"

Wilson, Ch. 8

7. Welfare Reform (12/3- 12/12)

Mead, The New Paternalism Ch. 8

Bane, "Welfare Reform as We Might Know It"

Sawhill, Welfare Reform and Beyond, Ch. 1 – 18 and skim Ch. 19 - 23

Understanding Poverty, Ch.7 (to page 261)

Besharov, The Past and Future of Welfare Reform (The Public Interest - Winter, 2003)

Jargowsky and Sawhill, "The Decline of the Underclass"

Changing Poverty Ch. 12-14

POLICY ANALYSIS PROBLEM DISTRIBUTED 12/3

POLICY ANALYSIS DUE 12/13

* The Green Book can be accessed on the web at: