



## COURSE: Seminar in Social Psychology: Poverty (1995) - Bernice Lott

### Outline and Syllabus

#### Required Texts:

Children and Poverty. Child Development, April 1994, 65 (2).

Sullivan, Mercer L. Getting Paid. Cornell University Press, 1989.

Liebow, Elliot. Tell Them Who I Am. Free Press, 1993.

Binder of Readings. \* (available for individual copying)

#### Objectives:

We will examine poverty from a social psychological perspective focusing on life conditions, and exploring correlates/consequences for attitudes, beliefs, and behavior. The cultural context and social factors will be analyzed and attention will be paid to implications for personal functioning, social change, and social policy.

| Date | Topics and Readings |
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Jan. 18 I. Introduction

- A. Objectives
- B. Definitions
- C. "What's psychology got to do with it?"
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Jan. 25 II. Who are the poor in our community?

- Guest: RI Campaign to Eliminate Childhood Poverty, George Wiley Center, Pawtucket
- Children & Poverty: Huston et al, pp. 275-282
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Feb. 1 III. Middle-class responses to the poor.

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- A. Welfare, parenting, and other frustrations
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- Children & Poverty: Bradley et al, pp. 346-360  
                                  Chase-Lansdale et al, pp. 373-393  
                                  Hashima & Amato, pp. 394-403  
                                  McLoyd et al, pp. 562-589  
                                  Leadbetter & Bishop, pp. 638-648  
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#### B. Health

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- \* Cohen, C. I. (1993). Poverty and the course of schizophrenia: Implications for research and policy. Hospital and Community Psychiatry, 44, 951-958.
  - \* Adler, N. E. et al. (1994). Socioeconomic status and health. American Psychologist, 49, 15-24.
  - \* Thomas, V. G. (1992, January). Poverty: A gateway to women's ill health. Paper presented at CUNY.
  - \* Belle, D. (1990). Poverty and women's mental health. American Pscyhologist, 45, 385-389.
  - \* Rosenbaum, S. (1992). Child health and poor children. American Behavioral Scientist, 35, 275-289.
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#### C. Education

- Sullivan: Chs. 3, 4
- Children & Poverty: Posner & Vandell, pp. 440-456  
                                  Caughy et al, pp. 457-471  
                                  Phillips et al, pp. 472-492  
                                  Connell et al, pp. 493-506  
                                  Seidman et al, pp. 507-22  
                                  Walker et al, pp. 606-621  
                                  Garner et al, pp. 622-637

Dodge et al, pp. 649-665  
Campbell & Ramey, pp. 684-698

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Sullivan: Chs. 5-11

Children & Poverty: Sampson & Laub, pp. 523-540

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- \* Marcos, L. R. (1991). Taking the mentally ill off the streets. International Journal of Mental Health, 20(2), 7-16.
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- \* Wright, J. D. (1990). Poor people, poor health: The health status of the homeless. Journal of Social Issues, 46(4), 49-64.
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#### V. Living in rural poverty

- A. Migrant workers, small farmers, southern mountain dwellers  
Children & Poverty: Conger et al, pp. 541-61  
Brody et al, pp. 590-605
- \* Clinton, B. & Lerner, M. (1988). Rural community women... Journal of Primary Prevention, 9(1-2), 120-129.
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