



significant number (more than 3) of unexcused absences (absences lacking medical documentation) a failing grade will be assigned for the course. You are asked to self-report on any absence in written form the day you return to class from an absence(s).

Incompletes are not normally given in this class. In the rare case where an incomplete may be in order, the student must obtain permission from the instructors and complete all paper work for the Registrar before the last day of class

**Grading**

Class participation..... 10%  
 Discussion leadership..... 10%  
 5 paper assignments @ 20% each  
     lowest grade to be dropped..... 80%  
 (Students must complete all five papers)

DATE	TOPIC	READINGS
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**READINGS ARE TO BE COMPLETED ON OR BEFORE THE ASSIGNED DATE**

Aug 24 *****	Introduction to Course	
Aug 29	The history of the disciplines	M&W (Introduction, 2), Moore (1)
Aug 31 *****	History of the disciplines (cont.)	Farganis (Introduction), C.W. Mills
Sept 5	Durkheim and the genesis of sociology	Moore (4), Ritzer on Durkheim
Sept 7 *****	Durkheim’s theory and practice	Farganis (2)
Sept 12	“Franz Boas” -- film	M&W (10,16), Moore (3, 6)
Sept 14 *****	American Anthropology and the evolutionary paradigm of <u>culture</u>	M&W (3, 18, 19, 22), Moore (2, 13, 14, 15)
Sept 19	British Anthropology and <u>society’s</u> static equilibrium	M&W (13, 14, 15) Moore (10, 11, 12)
Sept 21 *****	Marx and dialectical materialism	Ritzer on Marx
Sept 25 *	Paper due/ Discussion meeting on structural functionalism (5:30-7:30 pm)	
Sept 26	Marx, reification and alienation	Farganis (1)
Sept 28	French Anthropology and the application	Godelier

of Marxism to Non-State societies

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Oct 3 Base and superstructure rethought M&W(24, 33) Moore (16)

Oct 5 Mead and symbolic interactionism Farganis (6,13)

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Oct 9 \* Paper due/ Discussion on Marx's concepts (5:30-7:30 pm)

Oct 10 Phenomenological sociology Farganis (12) and Berger and Luckmann

Oct 12 Human as symbol user; Structuralism M&W (25, 35, 37) Moore (19, 20)

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Oct 17 **FALL RECESS**

Oct 19 Symbolic efficacy M&W (29, 36), Fernandez, Moore (18, 21)

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Oct 24 Gender (sociology) Farganis (14) Butler, McGowan

Oct 26 Gender (anthropology) (M&W 32 & 34), Lutz

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Oct 30 \* Paper due/ Discussion on the symbolic construction of engendered reality (5:30-7:30 pm)

Oct 31 Archaeology as anthropology and matters material Hodder

Nov 2 Sensuous human practice and material culture M&W (28), Glassie

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Nov 7 Weber, religion and culture Ritzer on Weber, Farganis (4)

Nov 9 Capitalist culture and rationality Farganis (15)

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Nov 13 \* Paper due/ Discussion on material culture (5:30-7:30 pm)

Nov 14 Postmodern social theory Farganis (16)

Nov 16 Postmodern social theory (cont.) Farganis (3)

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Nov 21 Senses, sensibility and incommensurability M&W (38), Basso

Nov 23 **THANKSGIVING RECESS**

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Nov 28 Anthropology as "knowing" and as "doing" M&W (40), Scheper-Hughes

Nov 30 \* Paper due/ Discussion on postmodernism and the body (12:30-2:30 pm) -- PLEASE NOTE EARLY START OF CLASS

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Dec 4 Taking stock ... over pizza ! --- (5:30 - 7 pm)

Dec 5 Summary remarks and discussion on suggestions for next year's seminar

### Required Reading:

#### Texts:

Farganis, James

Readings in Social Theory: The Classic Tradition to Post-Modern.  
New York: McGraw-Hill, 3d edition.

McGee, R. Jon & Richard L. Warms

Mayfield Anthropological Theory: An Introductory History. Mountain View, California:  
2000, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition.

Moore, Jerry D.

Visions of Culture: An Introduction to Anthropological Theories and Theorists. Walnut  
Creek, California: Altamira, 1997.

#### Reserved:

**Basso, Keith.** "Wisdom sits in places," in Wisdom Sits in Places: Landscape and Language Among the Western Apache. Albuquerque, University of New Mexico, 1996, pp. 105-149.

**Berger, Peter and Thomas Luckmann.** "Society as objective reality," in The Social Construction of Reality. New York:Doubleday, 1966, pp. 47-61.

**Butler, Judith.** "Performative acts and gender constitution: An essay in phenomenology and feminist theory," in S. Case (Ed.), Performing Feminisms: Feminist Critical Theory and Theatre, Baltimore: John Hopkins University Press, 1990, pp. 270-282.

**Fernandez James.** "Edification by puzzlement," in Persuasions and Performances. Bloomington: Indiana University, 1986, pp. 172-187.

**Glassie, Henry.** "Vernacular architecture and society," in Mirror and Metaphor, D. Ingersoll and G. Bronitsky (eds.). Lanham, MD.: University Press of America, 1987, pp. 229-245.

**Godelier, Maurice.** "The concept of 'social and economic formation': The Inca example," in Perspectives in Marxist Anthropology. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1977, pp. 63-69.

**Hodder, Ian.** “The problem” (Chapter 1), in Reading The Past. Cambridge: Cambridge University, 1986, pp. 1-17.

**Lutz, Catherine.** “The gender of theory” (chapter 12), in Women Writing Culture, R. Behar & D. Gordon (eds.). Berkeley: University of California, 1995, pp. 249-266.

**McGowan, Thomas.** “Cultural foregrounding and the problem of representation: Combatting ageism through reflexive, intergenerational experience.” *Journal of Aging and Identity*, Vol.2, No.4, 1997, pp. 229-249.

**Mills, C.W.** “The Sociological Imagination,” in Sources: Notable selections in sociology, Kurt Finsterbusch (ed.) New York: McGraw-Hill, 1999, pp. 8-12.

**Ritzer, George.** “Emile Durkheim,” in Sociological Theory, New York: McGraw-Hill, 2000, pp. 73-105.

**Ritzer, George.** “Karl Marx,” in Sociological Theory, New York: McGraw-Hill, 2000, pp. 39-71.

**Ritzer, George.** “Max Weber,” in Sociological Theory, New York: McGraw-Hill, 2000, pp. 107-149.

**Scheper-Hughes, Nancy** “Hungry bodies, medicine, and the state: Toward a critical psychological anthropology,” in New Directions in Psychological Anthropology, T. Schwartz, G. White & C. Lutz (eds.) Cambridge: Cambridge University, 1992, pp. 221-247.