

## PSC 237

### DOMESTIC SOCIAL POLICY

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Books for purchase (all paperback): Danziger and Haveman, Understanding Poverty / Mead, The New Paternalism/ Levitan et.al., Programs in Aid of the Poor (8<sup>th</sup> edition) /Wilson, When Work Disappears/ Sawhill, Welfare Reform and Beyond

**Most all of the other readings will be in the reserve book room or on the web.**

Course requirements: There are two quizzes (**October 12 and November 9**), each worth 30 percent of the final grade. A final paper (**due December 11**) will count for 40 percent of the grade. **There is no final examination.**

1. The Scope of Policy Analysis (9/2 - 9/7)

Okun, Equality and Efficiency, Ch. 2 ("The Case for the Market")  
Wildavsky, Speaking Truth to Power Ch. 7 (especially pp. 174-181)

2. Making Policy Decisions (9/9)

Lindblom, "The Science of Muddling Through"

3. The Commitment to Reduce Poverty (9/14 - 9/21)

Hecl, APoverty Politics@  
Understanding Poverty, Chs. 1, 6  
Bane and Ellwood, Welfare Realities Ch.5  
Holcombe, "AFDC's Formative Years (1935-1960)"

4. Definition of the Problem (9/23 - 10/7)

Wilson, When Work Disappears Chs. 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, Chs. 9,10  
Levitan, Programs in Aid of the Poor pp 1-18  
2004 Green Book\*, Appendix H. Data on Poverty, pp.H-1 – H-7)

**FIRST QUIZ 10/12**

5. The "Causes" of Poverty (10/14 - 10/26)

Wilson, When Work Disappears Chs. 1-5  
Sowell, Markets and Minorities Ch. 2  
Jacobs, The Political Economy of Organizational Change , pp. 1-8, 153-158  
Katz, The Undeserving Poor pp. 9-35  
Jencks, Rethinking Social Policy, Ch. 4  
Mead, AMisunderstanding Poverty@  
Levitan, Programs in Aid of the Poor pp. 19-26

6. Programs to Combat Poverty (10/28 -11/2)

Levitan, Programs in Aid of the Poor, Chs. 2-5

7. The Impact of Transfers (11/12)

2004 Green Book, (Appendix H - from APoverty Rates Under Alternative...), H-7 – H-8 plus tables

## **SECOND QUIZ 11/14**

### 8. Rethinking and Reform (11/11 - 11/23)

Bane and Ellwood, Chs. 1,2,4,5  
Sawhill, "Poverty and the Underclass" pp. 215-230  
Sawhill, "The Behavioral Aspects of Poverty"  
Mead, The New Paternalism Chs 2-4  
Jencks, Rethinking Social Policy Chs. 5,6  
Understanding Poverty, Chs. 2 - 4, 8, 9 (skim)  
McLanahan, "Consequences of Single Motherhood"

<http://www.prospect.org/web/page.wv?section=root&name=ViewPrint&articleId=5064>

Wilson, Ch. 8  
Levitan, Programs in Aid of the Poor, Ch 7

### 9. Welfare Reform (11/28 - 12/9)

2004 Green Book, Section 7  
Mead, The New Paternalism Ch. 8  
Bane, "Welfare Reform as We Might Know It"  
<http://www.prospect.org/web/page.wv?section=root&name=ViewPrint&articleId=4857>  
Sawhill, Welfare Reform and Beyond, Chs 1 - 18 and skim Chs 19 - 23

Understanding Poverty, Ch.7 (to page 261)

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

## **POLICY ANALYSIS PROBLEM DISTRIBUTED 11/26**

### **POLICY ANALYSIS DUE 12/1**

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

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/wmprints/search2.html>

Click on the 2004 Greenbook and enter Poverty in the search box.