

CSDE 595B and Public Affairs 573C

Demography, Poverty, and Child Well-Being

Course Overview

This seminar takes a multi-disciplinary approach to understanding demographic aspects of poverty and child well-being in the U.S. We will explore the theoretical and empirical aspects of the research on:

- Measuring child poverty and well-being
- Comparisons of child poverty and well-being between the U.S. and other rich countries
- Effects of family structure, poverty, and income on child well-being
- Effects of cash and in-kind transfers on child-well-being
- Effects of income, poverty, and child well-being on family structure
- Relationships among welfare reform, parental employment, and child well-being
- Demographic impacts of income support policy that affect poverty and well-being
- Fragile families and marriage promotion policy

We also will critically examine the policy implications of this research. The seminar is intended for students from the social sciences and applied social sciences who are interested in taking a multi-disciplinary approach to understanding these issues and in improving their abilities to critically assess social science research. Students are expected to have had at least two graduate level courses in quantitative methods, with an emphasis on applied regression analysis.

Readings

Please purchase from the University Bookstore:

Growing up with a single parent: What hurts, what helps? by Gary Sandefur and Sara McLanahan, Harvard University Press, 1994.

This book has become the classic study of the consequences of family structure for children's well-being. We will read all of it, and then see how more recent research has confirmed or challenged its key findings.

The **other assigned readings** come from multi-disciplinary sources. They are either on the web, on UW's e-reserve web site for CSDE 595, or on regular 4-hour reserve in Odegaard Library. Some of the non-web reserve items are also available at the CSDE library in 114 Raitt Hall. To locate the e-reserve readings, go to <http://www.lib.washington.edu/services/course>, and search by course or instructor to access the readings for CSDE 595. Then find the author and title of the work you want to read and click on the link. For readings available on web sites, the reading list provides the URLs so you can go to the site, read the paper and, if you wish, print it. For the readings that are available only by hard copy; you will need to go to

Odegaard Library [and, when indicated, the CSDE library] and check them out at the reserve reading desk.

Course requirements

Readings and class participation: Students are expected to be active participants in the seminar, prepared to discuss all assigned readings each week and having read your classmates' questions/comments [see below].

Discussion questions/comments. Starting with the class of April 14, each class members will prepare one or two questions or a comment based on the week's readings that could be used as starting points for class discussions. You do **not** have to do this assignment for the 2 weeks when you will be presenting an article [see below]. In addition, to accommodate deadlines or exams in other courses, illness, and emergencies, you may skip this assignment once. This means you will do this assignment for 6 of the 9 classes.

The questions/comments are meant to generate a range of views and concerns about the issues covered in the class session. They are also intended to provoke discussion about how the assigned articles address the issues. For example, you might ask about the appropriateness and plausibility of an article's assumptions (explicit or implicit) or its theoretical perspective. You might want to question a study's empirical methods, its interpretation of the empirical findings, or its discussion of the findings' policy implications. You might want to comment on how the research could be extended.

If possible, e-mail your questions/comment to the class and me by Wednesday evening. This will give us at least a day to think about the issues that everyone has raised. Late submissions will not be accepted except for illness or other extenuating circumstances. The questions will not be graded but are an important ingredient of the seminar and of your contribution to a stimulating intellectual environment.

Presentations and short critiques of articles: Each student will prepare two in-class presentations of research papers, to be chosen from the list of assigned readings and three short essays. Each essay (3-5 double spaced pages) will critically assess an assigned article. Two of the three will discuss the articles you present (as discussed below). The third will discuss another assigned reading. (If you would like to write your third essay about an article that is on the course outline but not assigned, or perhaps one that is not on the list at all, check with me first.) The purpose of this assignment is to develop your ability to read closely and analyze critically recent research, and to develop further a sense of how good research builds on existing knowledge and points to future breakthroughs.

Each essay should first briefly summarize the article's main topics, how the article fits into the literature, how the topic is theoretically and empirically analyzed, and the major findings. Then the essay should critique aspects of the article that you find deficient or incomplete. Here are some issues to consider: Did it ignore a plausible alternative conceptual framework? Are the data suitable for the empirical analysis and hypothesis tests? Is there a better data set for studying the issue? Are the statistical methods and model specifications appropriate and, even if they are, could the author have used other methods as well? (Your assessment of the methods need not be critical, but should be analytical.) Has the author overstated or misinterpreted the findings? How sensible are any policy suggestions and are they adequately supported by the study's findings? How can future research build on the article? Other issues,

problems, suggestions for improving the research? Last, the essay should assess the main contribution (or contributions) the article makes to the literature. (This section could go before the criticisms if you wish.)

Before we meet on April 7, please select 3 to 4 articles that you would like to present,

some from the first 5 sessions, others from the last 4. Each article will be presented by one reviewer, so you need more than two choices because two or more students will probably choose some articles. More than one student can write an essay on articles that will not be presented. I recommend that your articles come from more than one social science field, but this is not required.

Students will present their articles to the class using the following format. The presenter first summarizes the paper objectively. The presenter does not review the entire paper but, rather, describes the general theoretical and empirical approaches, explains how the article fits into the literature, and highlights what the author thinks are the major findings and their implications. Then, the presenter takes on the discussant role and critiques the paper (drawing from the essay). This format is more commonly used in small conferences than large ones. In a real conference, the author would then have the opportunity to respond to the presenter. Other class members may wish to take on this role.

Presentations should be 20-25 minutes. (Be sure to rehearse your presentation so it stays under 25 minutes.) You should use no more than 10 minutes to summarize the paper. Feel free to use PowerPoint, overheads, or handouts. If you plan to use PowerPoint or Word for your presentation, send me an electronic copy of the presentation file no later than the morning of the presentation.

Two documents from the *Journal of Marriage and Family* web site will probably be helpful when reviewing articles: [How to Review an Article](#) and [Guidelines for Reviewers](#)

The essay on the article for your first presentation is due May 9. The essay on the article for your second presentation is due June 6. The third essay is due June 10.

Grading

Class participation and discussion questions	30%
Two short essays with presentations	50% [25% each]
Third essay	20%

Office Hours, Phone, and E-mail

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To set an appointment, please call me or send an e-mail requesting an appointment. I have an open door policy – knock if you want to see me and if I'm in, I usually can take time to talk. If not, we can set up a meeting time.

I check my e-mail regularly and will respond quickly to simple questions and other routine matters. E-mail is not very useful for detailed give-and-take discussions such as providing advice on your paper, or for questions that raise complex issues.

Disability Accommodation

If you would like to request academic accommodation because of a disability, please contact Disabled Student Services, 4045 Brooklyn Avenue NE, Room 230, 543-6450 (for TTY: 685-7264), <http://www.washington.edu/admin/dso/index.html>. If you have a letter from Disabled Student Services indicating that you have a disability requiring academic accommodation, please discuss with me the accommodations you need for the class.

Course Topics and Assigned Readings

* means the article is assigned. The other items are also good recent studies, but are optional. Assignments for April 21 and later are tentative and may change depending on student interests and the availability of other recent studies.

April 7 Course introduction; Measuring child poverty and well-being; International comparisons

In addition to reading these materials, in the interest of improving communication among people with different social science backgrounds, please think about and jot down a few notes about how your academic field tends to approach the kinds of issues covered in the course. How would you answer questions such as: How does an X think about personal and family behavior, where X = psychologist, economist, etc.? What are your field's guiding assumptions that are typically used to analyze behavior and inform policy recommendations? Also, what special terms or jargon does your field use that may confuse other people? I would like us to share these thoughts at our first class. Thanks.

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