Sociology 327 Final Exam Review Sheet

The purpose of the exam is to encourage students to attend to, study, and commit to memory course material.

The exam will be held Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 2:15 p.m. in 129 Ross Hall. Bring pencils with erasers.

Please re-read the course academic honesty policy in the syllabus and speak to me if you have questions or if you consider yourself an academic dishonestly high-risk case.

The exam will cover all of the required readings and everything that happened in class since Nov. 5. Students should focus on studying the overheads used in class (and available on the course web site), the quizzes, and the main argument/story line of each of the readings.

The exam will contain the following essay question: “Several of the readings in this section of the course argued that violence is a gendered phenomena, i.e., in order to understand the causes of and solutions to violence we need to understand constructions of gender. Your essay question has two parts: (1) Drawing on at least three readings, describe how constructions of gender contribute to violence in contemporary America. (2) Given your analysis in part #1, propose at least three solutions to violence in contemporary America.”

Some good things to know include: gender in media, including theories of cause and effect; language and gender (semantic derogation, spotlighting, etc.); Berns’ research on framing domestic violence; rape, including fraternities and collegiate rape culture, “The Boys Next Door,” rape of men; the Teena Brandon murders; gender & employment, including types of sex segregation, sexual harassment, human capital theory, dual labor market, statistical discrimination, comparable worth; the glass ceiling and the glass escalator; Wal-Mart; the price of motherhood and fatherhood; the globetrotting sneaker; racial/gender stereotypes about anchorpersons.