

## Sociology 377 First Exam Review Sheet Spring 2009

The purposes of the exam are (1) to encourage students to attend to, study, and commit to memory course material and (2) increase students' self-knowledge of their level of mastery of course material.

The exam will be held Monday, Feb. 16, at 1:10 p.m. in 29 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 Jan. 12. Students should focus on studying the overheads used in class (and available on the course web site), the quizzes, the main themes in the textbook, and the main argument(s)/story line(s) of each of the readings.

Some good things to know include:

- The Sociology of Religion and its limits
- Functional vs. substantive approaches to religion
- Weberian dimensions of religion
- Functionalist and conflict frameworks
- Durkheim, *Elementary Forms of the Religious Life*, theory of religious gatherings
- Karl Marx's theory of religion
- Max Weber, *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*
- Peter Berger, *Sociology of Knowledge*, world construction (internalization, externalization, objectivation), world-maintenance
- Old vs. new paradigms in the sociology of religion
- Stark & Finke on "Rationality and the 'Religious Mind'"
- Smith on "Why Christianity Works"
- Secularization (Stark, Bruce, Sommerville)
- Cimino & Smith on "Secular Humanism and Atheism beyond Progressive Secularism"
- Blumenfeld on "Christian Privilege"