#### **SOWK 350**

# SPECIAL TOPICS: ADOLESCENT GANG INTERVENTION (Undergraduate Course) Fall 2010 Semester

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#### I. COURSE DESCRIPTION

The Children and Families in Urban America Minor Special Topics series will offer students and undergraduates in the minor an opportunity to engage in an area of interest. Special Topics will emphasize current issues that are pressing social problems affecting communities, families, and individuals. Further, these will be areas that are challenging human service workers to provide evidence based interventions and policies. Special Topic areas will focus on Los Angeles and other urban areas. Each Special Topic area will integrate community agencies and institutions within the curriculum to provide hands on experiences for students.

There are more than 400 active gangs in the Los Angeles area with an identified 39,000+ individuals. Gang violence in the past five years has resulted in thousands of violent crimes including homicides, felony assaults, rape, and robberies. During the last five years, there has been an increase in the issue of youth gangs in Los Angeles. Because of this, the growing concern has been on what interventions have been successful as well as what prevention programs may work. This class will examine evidence-based examples of such interventions and prevention programs. This course will center on the incidence of gangs (particularly in the Los Angeles area), gang interventions, and policies developed to address the growing gang situation.

The course will be centered on providing foundation knowledge on gang life and culture, theories of gang involvement, historical context of gangs in Los Angeles, and current interventions and polices in areas addressing the gang "epidemic." Attention will be given to empirically based theories and frameworks that under-gird strengths-based, empowerment and resiliency-oriented practice. In particular, the course will be concerned with how research has been translated into actual practices (as well as the proof of success or weaknesses of such programs).

Students will interact with human service providers in the area of gang intervention at a micro, mezzo, and macro level. Partnerships with Communities in Schools (CIS), Maximum Force Enterprises, Youth Justice Coalition (YJC) the Los Angeles Mayor's Office of Gang Reduction Youth Development (GRYD), Los Angeles Council's Public Safety Committee, Los Angeles County's Public Defenders Office, and the LAPD will provide information and add to student experiences. Students will participate in a community project with one of these partners. The course

is organized according to a project based learning model to help students critically analyze gang interventions and policies. This method will also utilize real world problems.

Given the mission and purpose of social work, the course integrates content on the values and ethics of the profession as they pertain to gangs in Los Angeles. Special attention is given to the influence of diversity as characterized by (but not limited to) age, gender, class, race, ethnicity, culture, sexual orientation, disability and religion. The course makes important linkages between course content and social work practice, policy, research, and field instruction.

#### II. COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of the course, students will be able:

- 1. To critically evaluate the history and incidence of gangs among youth in Los Angeles.
- 2. To formulate working definitions of the various theories of gang involvement and intervention.
- 3. To critically analyze the socio-historical-political contexts from which these theories and perspectives emanated and their relation to the social work profession.
- 4. To develop the analytic tools necessary to integrate and apply multiple, interdisciplinary perspectives using the project based learning method and/or other learning formats.
- 5. To identify the special influence of diversity (e.g., age, gender, class, race, ethnicity, culture, sexual orientation, disability and religion) on gang culture and peer development.
- 6. To demonstrate understanding of the influence of interactions among individuals as well as the interactions between individuals and families, groups, organizations, communities, institutions, and larger systems to promote or protect from gang culture.
- 7. To demonstrate understanding of intervention approaches used by law enforcement, community programs, and schools.
- 8. To demonstrate understanding of current research and policies in dealing with gang activity in Los Angeles.
- 9. To develop the facility for oral and written expression and analytic thinking necessary for professional social work practice.

#### III. COURSE FORMAT

The course will encompass a combination of diverse learning modalities and tools which may include, but are not limited to the following: didactic presentations by the instructor; small and large group discussions; case studies; videos; guest speakers; experiential exercises; and computer-based online activities. The course will primarily utilize a project based learning modality. Students will be challenged to work on real life issues around gangs, partnering with the community organizations. Since students will be using a project based learning modality, formal lectures will be held once a week and workshop sessions (to work on projects) will be held once a week (equaling two meeting times per week).

The online teaching and learning environment provided by the University's Blackboard Academic Suite<sup>TM</sup> System (https://blackboard.usc.edu/) will support access to course-related materials and communication.

#### IV. COURSE EVALUATION AND GRADING

All students are expected to regularly attend class and be on time. A student with more than two unexcused absences during the course of this class may receive a *no credit*. A student who is tardy three or more times to class may receive a grade of no credit. If a student receives a *no credit* grade in this seminar, they will be required to repeat this class.

Grades pertaining to the assignments and course grades will be based on the following rubric:

93 - 100	Α
90 - 92	A-
87 - 89	B+
83 - 86	В
80 - 82	B-
77 - 79	C+
73 - 76	C
70 - 72	C-
69 - 60	D

The student's grade will be based on the following evaluations:

5%	Class Participation
25%	Written Reflections (3 written reflections will be assigned throughout the course).
25%	In Class Midterm
20%	Group Project and Presentation
25%	Take Home Final

Complete details regarding the assignments and due dates will be handed out in class.

#### V. ATTENDANCE POLICY

Students are expected to attend every class and to remain in class for the duration of the session. Failure to attend class or arriving late may impact your ability to achieve course objectives that could affect your course grade. Students are expected to notify the instructor by telephone or email of any anticipated absence or reason for tardiness.

University of Southern California policy permits students to be excused from class, without penalty, for the observance of religious holy days. This policy also covers scheduled final examinations which conflict with students' observance of a holy day. Students must make arrangements *in advance* to complete class work, which will be missed, or to reschedule an examination, due to holy days observance.

#### VI. COURSE EXPECTATIONS AND GUIDELINES

Students are expected to attend class sessions, complete all reading assignments, participate in class discussions and activities, submit work on the date and time specified by the instructor, and contribute to an atmosphere of mutual respect and civil discourse. Students will be expected to regularly access their email accounts and/or Blackboard accounts for posted messages, documents, etc., and any other avenue of communication requested by the class instructor.

# VII. REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

Shelden, R.G. (2004). *Youth Gangs in American Society, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition*. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth/Thompson Learning.

Scott, M.K. (2004). *Monster: The Autobiography of an L.A. Gang Member*. New York, NY: Grove Press.

Fremon, C. & Brokaw, T. (2004). *G-Dog and the Homeboys: Father Greg Boyle and the Gangs of East Los Angeles*. Albuquerque, NM: University of New Mexico Press.

Articles will be available via the Blackboard system or delivered through e-mail. Articles will be posted/sent no later than the week before they are assigned.

#### VIII. ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS

Any student requesting academic accommodations based on a disability is required to register with Disability Services and Programs (DSP) each semester. A letter of verification for approved accommodations can be obtained from DSP. *Please be sure the letter is delivered to the instructor as early in the semester as possible*. DSP is located in STU 301 and is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The phone number for DSP is (213) 740-0776.

#### IX. EMERGENCY RESPONSE INFORMATION

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#### COURSE OUTLINE AND ASSIGNMENTS

**NOTE:** Readings published before 2000 have been carefully scrutinized and are included in the syllabus because they provide key or seminal information for the overall course content.

# **August 23:** SESSION 1A: Introduction to Course

Welcome and introductions Introduction to the course Overview of the learning contract/syllabus In Class exercise

# **August 25:** SESSION 1B: Definition and History of Gangs

Defining gangs History and function of gangs in the U.S. The rise of gangs in Los Angeles Gangs in Bay Area, Orange County, Riverside, and San Diego

# **Workshop:** Media Depictions of Gangs

Students will choose from the following films: "American Me," "Boys N the Hood," or "Mi Vida Loca." They will be asked to write a reflection paper (details to be handed out in class).

#### **Required Readings:**

Sheldon, R., Tracy, S., & Brown, W. (2004). *Youth gangs in American society*. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth Press. Chapter 1: A Brief History of Youth Gangs, pp. 1-33.

Klein, M. W., & Maxson, C. L. (2006). *Street gangs, patterns and policies*. New York: NY: Oxford University Press. Introduction and Chapter 1: Gang Prevalence, Proliferation, and Migration, pp. 3-67.

Curry, G. D., & Decker, S. H. (1998). *Confronting gangs: Crime and community*. Los Angeles, CA: Roxbury Publishing Company. Chapter 1: Defining and Measuring the Prevalence of Gangs, pp. 1-28.

Spergel, I. A. (1995). *The youth gang problem: A community approach*. New York: NY: Oxford University Press. Chapter 1: Introduction: Comparative and Historical Perspectives, pp. 3-11.

Bjerregaard, B. (2002). Self-definitions of gang membership and involvement in delinquent activities. *Youth and Society*, 34(1), 31-55.

# August 30: SESSION 2A: Exploration of an L.A. Gang Member

#### **Required Reading:**

Scott, M.K. (2004). *Monster: The autobiography of an L.A. gang member*. New York, NY: Grove Press. *Discussion on Monster*.

# September 1: SESSION 2B: Movements and their impact on Los Angeles

Guest speaker Aquil Basheer

#### **September 6: No Class**

# **Required Reading:**

Scott, M.K. (2004). *Monster: The autobiography of an L.A. gang member*. New York, NY: Grove Press.

# September 8: SESSION 3B: Field Trip\*\*\*\*Maximum Force Site Visit\*\*\*\*\*

Details to be given in class

# September 13: SESSION 3A: Anatomy of a Gang

What do gangs "look" like Organizational structure Language and symbolism Gang stereotypes In Class Exercise & discussion on Monster.

# **Required Readings:**

Sheldon, R., Tracy, S., & Brown, W. (2004). *Youth gangs in American society*. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth Press. Chapter 2: What do Gangs and Gang Members Look Like? pp. 34-59.

Decker, S., Katz, M., & Vincent, W. (2008). Understanding the black box of gang organization: Implications for involvement in violent crime, drug sales, and violent victimization. *Crime Delinquency*, 54.

(http://cad.sagepub.com/cgi/content/abstract/54/1/153)

Klein, M. W., & Maxson, C. L. (2006). *Street gangs, patterns and policies*. New York: NY: Oxford University Press. Chapter 5: Gang Structures and Group Processes, pp. 162-208.

Curry, G. D., & Decker, S. H. (1998). *Confronting gangs: Crime and community*. Los Angeles, CA: Roxbury Publishing Company. Chapter 3: The Gang Experience, pp. 61-81.

Spergel, I. A. (1995). *The youth gang problem: A community approach*. New York: NY: Oxford University Press. Chapter 6: The Structure of the Gang, pp. 70-89.

McGloin, J. M. (2007). The organizational structure of street *gangs* in Newark, New Jersey: A network analysis methodology. *Journal of Gang Research*, 15(1), pp. 1-34.

# September 15: SESSION 4A: Culture and Contexts of Gangs

Socialization

Peers

Joining and initiation

Risk Factors

Codes

\*In class exercise & guest speaker

# **Required Readings:**

Vigil, J.D. (1983). Chicano gangs: One response to Mexican urban adaptation in the Los Angeles area. *Urban Anthropology*, 12 (1) p. 45-75.

Lane, J. & Meeker, J. (2000). Subcultural diversity and the fear of crime and gangs. *Crime and delinquency*. 46(4), 375-417.

Davis, M. (2006). *City of Quartz: Excavating the future in Los Angeles*. Paris: Verso. Chapter 5: Rise of Gang Culture.

Vigil, J. D. (2003). Urban violence and street gangs. *Annual Review of Anthropology*, 32, pp. 225-242.

Howell, J. C., & Egley Jr., A. (2005). Moving risk factors into developmental theories of gang membership. *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice*, *3*(4), pp. 334-354.

# **September 20: SESSION 4B: Culture and Contexts of Gangs (continued)**

Social institutions Community contexts Ecological perspective

# **Required Readings:**

Sheldon, R., Tracy, S., & Brown, W. (2004). *Youth gangs in American society*. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth Press. Chapter 3: The Gang Subculture, pp. 61-74.

Curry, G. D., & Decker, S. H. (1998). *Confronting gangs: Crime and community*. Los Angeles, CA: Roxbury Publishing Company. Chapter 6: Gangs and Social Institutions, pp. 123-140.

Spergel, I. A. (1995). *The youth gang problem: A community approach*. New York: NY: Oxford University Press. Chapter 8: The Ecological Context, pp. 110-128.

Klein, M. W., & Maxson, C. L. (2006). *Street gangs, patterns and policies*. New York: NY: Oxford University Press. Chapter 4: Individual-Level Context: Risk Factors for Joining Gangs, pp. 139-161 and Chapter 6: Community Contexts, pp. 209-227.

# September 22: SESSION 5A: Illegal Activities and Gangs

Criminal behaviors
Violence and theft
Economic considerations and factors
Drug trafficking

#### **Required Readings:**

Sheldon, R., Tracy, S., & Brown, W. (2004). *Youth gangs in American society*. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth Press. Chapter 4: Criminal Activities of Gangs, pp. 97-125.

Huff, R. (2001). *Gangs in America III*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications. Part 1, Chapter 3: Initiation of Drug Use, Drug Sales, and Violent Offenders. Part 2, Chapter 7: Gangs and the informal economy

Decker, S. H. (2007). Youth gangs and violent behavior. In D. J. Flannery, A. T. Vazsonyi, & I. D. Waldman (Eds), *The Cambridge handbook of violent behavior and aggression*, (pp. 388-402). New York, NY, US: Cambridge University Press.

Spergel, I. A. (1995). *The youth gang problem: A community approach*. New York: NY: Oxford University Press. Chapter 4: Gangs, Drugs, and Violence, pp. 43-54.

Curtis, R. (2003). The negligible role of gangs in drug distribution in New York City in the 1990s. In L. Kontos &D. Brotherton (Eds.), *Gangs and Society: Alternative Perspectives*. (pp. 41-61). New York, NY: Columbia University Press. \**In class guest speaker* 

# September 27: SESSION 5B: Field Trip

Details to be given in class

# **Reflection Exercise**

Students will be asked to visit a Rehabilitation Center in their area and complete a reflection exercise: Details handed out in September 20th class.

# September 29: SESSION 6A: Substance Use, Abuse, and Gangs

Alcohol and drug use

Shared risk factors of substance abuse, gang activity, and violence Prevention and intervention programs

\*Guest Speaker

#### **Required Readings:**

Huff, R. (2001). *Gangs in America III*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications. Part 1, Chapter 3: Initiation of Drug Use, Drug Sales, and Violent Offenders.

De La Rosa, M., Rugh, D., & Rice, C. (2006). An analysis of risk domains associated with drug transitions of active Latino gang members. *Journal of Addictive Diseases*, 25(4), pp. 81-90.

Rainone, G. A., Schmeidler, J. W., Frank, B., & Smith, R. B. (2006). Violent behavior, substance use, and other delinquent behaviors among middle and high school students. *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice*, *4*(3), pp. 247-265.

De la Rosa, M. (2005). Substance abuse among Puerto Rican and Dominican gang members in a small city setting. *Journal of Social Work Practice in the Addictions*, 5(1/2), 21-43.

Current handouts from NIDA (Drug related violence research)

# October 4: Gang Theory

Strain Theory Cultural Deviance Theories Control Theory Social Learning Theory Rational Choice Theory Critical Theory

#### **Required Readings:**

Sheldon, R., Tracy, S., & Brown, W. (2004). *Youth gangs in American society*. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth Press. Chapter 6: Why Are There Gangs? pp. 159-187.

Brotherton, D. (2008). Beyond social reproduction: Bringing resistance back in gang theory. *Theoretical Criminology*, 25(1), 71-85.

Freng, A. & Finn-Aage, E. (2007). Race and gang affiliation: An examination of multiple marginality. *Justice Quarterly*, 24(4), 600-629.

Spergel, I. A. (1995). The youth gang problem: A community approach. New York: NY: Oxford University Press. Chapter 10: Theoretical Perspectives, pp. 145-170.

Curry, G. D., & Decker, S. H. (1998). *Confronting gangs: Crime and community*. Los Angeles, CA: Roxbury Publishing Company. Chapter8: Gang Theory and Policy, pp. 165-179.

Klemp-North, M. (2007). Theoretical foundations for gang membership. *Journal of Gang Research*, 14(4), pp. 11-26.

#### October 6: SESSION 7B: SESSION 7A: Gender and Gangs

Girl gangs

Gender roles within gangs

Girls and violence

\*In Class Exercise & guest speaker

# **Required Readings:**

Sheldon, R., Tracy, S., & Brown, W. (2004). *Youth gangs in American society*. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth Press. Chapter 5: Girls and Gangs, pp. 128-157.

Huff, R. (2001). *Gangs in America III*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications. Part 3, Chapter 12: The girls in the gang: What we've learned from two decades of research.

Eghigian, M. & Kirby, K. (2006). Girls in gangs: On the rise in America. *Corrections Today*, 68(2), 48-50.

Valdez, A. (2007). *Mexican American girls and gang violence: Beyond risk*. London: Palgrave Macmillan. Chapters 6-8.

Excerpts from: Miranda, M. (2003). *Homegirls in the public sphere*. Austin: University of Texas Press.

Curry, G. D., & Decker, S. H. (1998). *Confronting gangs: Crime and community*. Los Angeles, CA: Roxbury Publishing Company. Chapter 5: Female Gang Involvement, pp. 95-121.

Nurge, D. (2003). Liberating yet limiting: The Paradox of female gang membership. In L. Kontos &D. Brotherton (Eds.), *Gangs and Society: Alternative Perspectives*. (pp. 161-182). New York, NY: Columbia University Press.

Brotherton, D., & Salazar-Atias, C. (2003). Amor de reina! The pushes and pulls of group membership among the Latin Queens. In L. Kontos & D. Brotherton (Eds.), *Gangs and Society: Alternative Perspectives.* (pp. 183-209). New York, NY: Columbia University Press.

# October 11: SESSION 8A: Non-traditional peace efforts in addressing community gang violence

#### Workshop:

Students will be trained to examine and analyze demographics of a community in Los Angeles with an identified gang problem.

# **Required Readings:**

Fremon, C. & Brokaw, T. (2004). *G-Dog and the Homeboys: Father Greg Boyle and the gangs of East Los Angeles*, New Mexico: University of New Mexico Press.

#### October 13: SESSION 8B: Field Trip

\*Homeboy Industries, details to be given in class.

#### October 18: SESSION 9A: Gangs in American Society

Inequality Poverty School Systems Social Supports

#### **Required Readings:**

Sheldon, R., Tracy, S., & Brown, W. (2004). *Youth gangs in American society*. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth Press. Chapter 7: Gangs in Context: Inequality in American Society, pp. 190-208.

Vigil, Diego (2002). A Rainbow of gangs. Austin: University of Texas Press. Brotherton, D. (2003). Education in the reform of street organizations in New York City. In L. Kontos &D. Brotherton (Eds.), *Gangs and Society: Alternative Perspectives*. (pp. 136-157). New York, NY: Columbia University Press.

Spergel, I. A. (1995). *The youth gang problem: A community approach*. New York: NY: Oxford University Press. Chapter 16: Social Opportunities: Education and Jobs, pp. 262-280.

# October 20: SESSION 9B: Youth Advocacy and its role in youth development.

\*In class guest speaker

\*Midterm review

#### October 25: Midterm review

October 27: Midterm

#### **November 1: SESSION 10A: Community Gang Interventions**

Risk focused

Social development strategies

School based strategies

Community based strategies

In Class Exercise

#### **Required Readings:**

Venkatesh, S.A. (2001). *The social outcomes of street gang involvement*. Unpublished manuscript.

http://eric.ed.gov/ERICDocs/data/ericdocs2sql/content\_storage\_01/0000019b/80/19/a 0/5f.pdf

Venkatesh, S.A. (1999). Community-based interventions into street gang activity. *Journal of Community Psychology*, 27(5), 551-567.

Meacham, M., & Stokes, T. (2008). The life development of gang members: Intervention at various stages. *The Forensic Examiner*, *17*(1), pp. 34-39.

Elizalde, T. M., & Ramírez, G. A. (2008). Effective *intervention* with *gangs* and gang members. In C. Franklin, M. B. Harris, & P. Allen-Meares (Eds). *The school practitioner's concise companion to preventing violence and conflict. The school practitioner's concise companions*. (pp. 141-156). New York, NY, US: Oxford University Press.

Goldstein, A.P. & Kodluboy, D.W. (1998). *Gangs in schools: Signs, symbols, and solutions*. Champaign, IL: Research Press. Part 2 Effective Interventions: Chapters 6-8, pp. 103-216.

\*Guest speaker Jim Perez, Orange County Department of Education

#### **November 3: SESSION 10B: Workshop**

Students will be trained in researching Evidence Based Practice Interventions. Details will be provided in class on November 1.

<sup>\*</sup>Reports provided

<sup>\*</sup>Guest speaker Shelan Joseph, L.A. County Public Defender's Office

# **November 8: SESSION 11A: Community Gang Interventions (continued)**

# **Required Readings:**

Vigil, Diego (2002). *A Rainbow of gangs*. Austin: University of Texas Press. Chapter 10: Arturo's Story, "Where is my father?"

Huff, R. (2001). *Gangs in America III*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications. Part 4, Chapter 17: New Approaches to the Strategic Prevention of Gang and Group-Involved Violence, pp. 271-286.

Curry, G. D., & Decker, S. H. (1998). *Confronting gangs: Crime and community*. Los Angeles, CA: Roxbury Publishing Company. Chapter 7: Responding to Gang-Related Crime and Delinquency, pp. 141-163.

Klein, M. W., & Maxson, C. L. (2006). *Street gangs, patterns and policies*. New York: NY: Oxford University Press. Chapter 3: Six Major Gang Control Programs, pp. 88-136.

Klein, M. W., & Maxson, C. L. (2006). *Street gangs, patterns and policies*. New York: NY: Oxford University Press. Chapter 7: Multiple Goals for Gang Control Programs and Policies, pp. 231-245.

#### November 15: SESSION 11B: Podcast

Students will be asked to listen to a podcast on gang intervention policy. \*In class guest speakers

#### **November 10: SESSION 12A: Gang Policies**

Legal interventions Role of gang task forces \*Guest speaker

# **Required Readings:**

Huff, R. (2001). *Gangs in America III*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications. Part 4, Chapter 16 and 18: Gang Research and Public Policy

Barajas, F. (2007). An invading army: A civil gang injunction in a Southern California Chicana/o Community. *Latino Studies*. 5(4), 393-408.

Katz, C. (2007). The establishment of a police gang unit: An examination of organizational and environmental factors. *Criminology*, 39(1), 37-74.

Klein, M. W., & Maxson, C. L. (2006). *Street gangs, patterns and policies*. New York: NY: Oxford University Press. Chapter 8: A Model for Policy Changes, pp. 246-266.

Siegel, L. (2003). Gangs and the law. In L. Kontos &D. Brotherton (Eds.), *Gangs and Society: Alternative Perspectives*. (pp. 213-227). New York, NY: Columbia University Press.

City of Los Angeles Gang Reduction Strategy: http://www.ci.la.ca.us/mayor/myrpress/mayormyrpress27452222 04182007.pdf

Gang Intervention Model (hand-out)

# November 17: SESSION 12B: Gang Policies continued....

\*In class guest speaker

# **November 22: SESSION 13A: Global Perspectives**

International gang issues Impact of migration and immigration on gangs Impact of immigration policies on gangs Gangs and terrorism

# **Required Readings:**

Carlsson, Y., & Decker, S. H. (2005). Gang and youth prevention and intervention: Contrasting the experience of the Scandinavian Welfare State with the United States. In S. H. Decker & F. M. Weerman (Eds.), *European street gangs and troublesome youth groups*, (pp. 259-286). Landam, MD: Altamira Press.

Hand-outs from Los Angeles Summit on International Gangs

# November 24: SESSION 13B: Workshop

Students will use this week to refine presentations (to be presented at the end of the course).

# November 29: SESSION 14A: Forward Looking Trends

Next steps
School involvement
Possible partnerships for interventions
Youth empowerment

#### **Required Readings:**

Huff, R. (2001). *Gangs in America III*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications. Part 3, Chapter 14: Chinese gangs: Familial and cultural dynamics. Part 4, Chapter 17: New Approaches to the Strategic Prevention of Gang and Group involved violence.

Gardner, T., Dishion, T., & Connell, A. (2008). Adolescent self-regulation as resilience: Resistance to anti-social behavior with the deviant peer context. *Journal of Abnormal Child Psychology*, 36(2), 273-285.

December 1: SESSION 14B: Student presentations and Wrap UP!

**December 6: (FALL 2010 STUDY DAY)** 

**December 8: (FALL 2010 EXAM)**