

POVERTY'S REIGN
UMKC Honors Program Colloquium
WS2008

Unit One: The Origins and Experience of Poverty

01/16/08 Welcome Back Session

- Some changes to colloquium for WS2008
 - Elections, announcements, etc. will begin at 2:55 every Wednesday.
 - Colloquium will start at 3:05 every Wednesday.
 - Speakers have entire 45 minutes to use for presentation/discussion
 - Dialogue occurs in break-out sessions (Groups and rooms announced)
 - Grades determined by averaging attendance and written work grades
 - Attendance (1-2 absences: A; 3 absences: B; 4 absences : C; 5 absences: D; 6 ↑ absences: F)
 - Papers (3 completed: A; 2 completed: B; 1 completed: C)
 - Reading assigned: Barbara Ehrenreich, *Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting by in America* (2002)
 - Available in university bookstore

01/23/08 Film Morgan Spurlock's *30 Days* Episode: "Minimum Wage"

Topic: Working to Fall Behind

- Unit One Response Paper Assignments Handed Out (Due 2/6/08)

1/30/08 Guest Speaker: Professor John Herron, UMKC Department of History

Topic: The History of Poverty in America

- Recommended Reading (on Blackboard) TBD

02/06/08 Break-Out Discussion Groups

Topic: The Origins and Experience of Poverty

- Group A: CH104 (Facilitator: Herron)
- Group B: HH307 (Facilitator: Levy)
- Group C: HH309 (Facilitator: Sheppard)

Unit Two: Issues

02/13/08 Guest Speaker: Professor Linwood Tauheed, Economics, UMKC

Topic: Poverty's Impact on Community

- Recommended Reading (on Blackboard) TBD
- Unit Two Response Paper Assignments Handed Out (Due 3/5/08)

02/20/08 Guest Speaker: Professor Boris Ricks, Political Science, UMKC

Topic: Poverty and Environmental Justice

- Recommended Reading (on Blackboard) TBD

02/27/08 Guest Speaker: Professor Gayle Levy, Foreign Languages and Literatures, UMKC

Topic: The Reach of Poverty at Home and Abroad – The Case of France

- Recommended Reading (on Blackboard) TBD

03/05/08 Break-Out Discussion Groups

Topic: Poverty – The Main Issues

- Group A: CH104 (Facilitator: Sheppard)
- Group B: HH307 (Facilitator: Herron)
- Group C: HH309 (Facilitator: Levy)

Unit Three: Responses

03/12/08 Guest Speaker: Professor Frederic Lee, Economics, UMKC

Topic: Why Heterodox Economics Matters: A Primer

- Recommended Reading (on Blackboard) TBD
- Unit Three Response Paper Assignments Handed Out (Due 4/9/08)

03/19/08 Guest Speaker: Roundtable with Professor Barbara Glesner Fines' Law Students, Law School, UMKC

Topic: Poverty and Law: Access to Justice

- Recommended Reading (on Blackboard) TBD

03/26/08 No Class – Spring Break

04/02/08 Guest Speaker: Professor Cameron Lindsey, Pharmacy, UMKC

Topic: Poverty and Health Care

- Recommended Reading (on Blackboard) TBD

04/09/08 Guest Speaker Professor Jim Sheppard, UMKC Department of Philosophy

Topic: The Ethics of Responding to Poverty at Home and Abroad

- Recommended Reading (on Blackboard) TBD

4/16/08 Break-Out Discussion Groups

Topic: Poverty – The Main Responses

- Group A: CH104 (Facilitator: Levy)
- Group B: HH307 (Facilitator: Sheppard)
- Group C: HH309 (Facilitator: Herron)

04/23/08 Presentation of Senior Theses

04/30/08 End of Year Barbeque @ Oak Street Hall