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Luis T. Garcia (2006). Perceptions of sexual experience and preferences for dating and marriage. *Canadian Journal of Sexuality*, 15, 85-94.

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J. Teachman (2003). Childhood living arrangements and the formation of coresidential unions. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 65, 507-524.

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Frank Fincham, Scott Stanley, & Steven Beach (2007). Transformative processes in marriage: An analysis of emerging trends. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 69, 275-292; Contextualizing the study of marital transformation: Points of convergence. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 69, 315-319.

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- Hsiu-Chen Yeh et al (2006). Relationships among sexual satisfaction, marital quality, and marital instability at midlife. *Journal of Family Psychology*, 20, 339-343.
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- R.L. Simons, L.G. Simons, and L. Wallace (2004). Chapters 2, 3 and 4 in *Families, Delinquency, and Crime*. Oxford Press.
- Alice C. Schermerhorn, E. Mark Cummings, & Catherine A. DeCarlo (2007). Children's influence in the marital relationship. *Journal of Family Psychology*, 21, 259-269.

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- R. Kosterman et al. (2004). Unique influence of mothers and fathers on their children's antisocial behavior. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 66, 762-778.
- S.L. Brown (2004). Family structure and child well-being: The significance of parental cohabitation. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 66, 351-367.
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Stacy K. Lynch et al. (2006). A genetically informed study of the association between harsh punishment and offspring behavior problems. *Journal of Family Psychology*, 20, 190-198.

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Denise Previti & Paul R. Amato (2004). Is infidelity a cause or a consequence of poor marital quality? *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, 21, 217-230.

Anna R. McAlister, Nancy Pachana, & Chris J. Jackson (2005). Predictors of young dating adults' inclination to engage in extradyadic sexual activities: A multi-perspective study. *British Journal of Psychology*, 96, 331-350.

Mark A. Whisman, Crisina Coop Gordon, & Yael Chatav (2007). Predicting sexual infidelity in population-based sample of married individuals. *Journal of Family Psychology*, 21, 320-324.

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William D. Barta & Susan M. Kiene (2005). Motivations for infidelity in heterosexual dating couples: The roles of gender, personality differences, and sociosexual orientation. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, 22, 339-360.

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M. Johnson and K. J. Ferraro (2000). Research on domestic violence in the 1990s. Making distinctions. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 62, 948-963.

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Casey T. Taft et al. (2006). Examining the correlates of psychological aggression among a community sample of couples. *Journal of Family Psychology*, 20, 581-588.

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A. Cherlin et al. (2004). The influence of physical and sexual abuse on marriage and cohabitation. *American Sociological Review*, 69, 768-789.

C. Kaukinen (2004). Status compatibility, physical violence, and emotional abuse in intimate relationships. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 66, 452-471.

C. Delsol, G. Margolin, and R.S. John (2003). A typology of martially violent men and correlates of violence in a community sample. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 65, 635-651.

Jennifer Schwartz (2006). Effects of diverse forms of family structure on female and male homicide. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 68, 1291-1312.

Leila B. Dutton & Barbara A. Winstead (2006). Predicting unwanted pursuit: Attachment, relationship satisfaction, relationship alternatives, and break-up distress. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, 23, 565-586.

Erika Lawrence & Thomas Bradbury (2007). Trajectories of change in physical aggression and marital satisfaction. *Journal of Family Psychology*, 21, 236-247.

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Required Readings

M. Fuwa (2004). Macro-level gender inequality and the division of household labor in 22 countries. *American Sociological Review*, 69, 751-767.

Raley, S.B. et al. (2006). How dual are dual-income couples? Documenting change from 1970-2001. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 68, 11-28.

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R.J. Erickson (2005). Why emotion work matters: Sex, gender, and the division of household labor. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 67, 337-351.

J.E. Artis and E.K. Pavalko (2003). Explaining the decline in women's household labor: Individual change and cohort differences. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 65, 746-761.

M.J. Mattingly & L.C. Sayer (2006). Under pressure: Gender differences in the relationship between free time and feeling rushed. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 68, 205-221.

Leslie J. Caplan & Carmi Schooler (2006). Household work complexity, intellectual functioning, and self-esteem in men and women. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 68, 883-900.

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P.R. Amato and J.M. Sobolewski (2001). The effects of divorce and marital discord on adult children's psychological well-being. *American Sociological Review*, 66, 900-921.

Paula Fomby & Andrew J. Cherlin (2007). Family instability and child well-being. *American Sociological Review*, 72, 181-204.

Williams, K. & Dunne-Bryant, A. (2006). Divorce and adult psychological well-being: Clarifying the role of gender and child age. *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, 68, 1178-1196.

Kalmijn, M. & Monden, C. (2006). Are the negative effects of divorce on well-being dependent on marital quality? *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, 68, 1197-1213.

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M.L. Clemments, S.M. Stanley, and H.J. Markman (2004). Before they said "I Do": Discriminating among marital outcomes over 13 years. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 66, 613-626.

M.M. Sweeny and J.A. Phillips (2004). Understanding racial differences in marital disruption: Recent trends and explanations. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 66, 639-650.

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Belina Hewitt, Mark Western, & Janeen Baxter (2006). Who decides? The social characteristics of who initiates marital separation. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 68, 1165-1177.

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12. April 2

Family diversity: Never married, remarried, and gay and lesbian couples

Required Readings

J. Stacey and T.J. Bilarz (2001). (How) Does the sexual orientation of parents matter? *American Sociological Review*, 66, 159-183.

William Meezan & Jonathan Rauch (2005). Gay marriage, same-sex parenting,

and America's children. *The Future of Children*, 15, 97-116.

Pamela J. Lannutti (2005). For better or worse: Exploring the meanings of same-sex marriage within the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered community. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, 22, 5-18.

Melanie D. Otis et al. (2006). Stress and relationship quality in same-sex couples. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, 23, 81-99.

Recommended Readings:

A.R. D'Augelli, A.H. Grossman, and M.T. Starks (2005). Parents' awareness of lesbian, gay, and bisexual youths' sexual orientation. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 67, 474-482.

J.E. Lansford et al. (2001). Does family structure matter? A comparison of adoptive, two-parent biological, single-mother, stepfather, and stepmother households. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 63, 840-851.

L.A. Kurdek (2004). Are gay and lesbian cohabiting couples really different from heterosexual marriage couples? *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 66, 880-900.

Jennifer L. Wainright & Charlotte J. Patterson (2006). Delinquency, victimization, and substance use among adolescents with female same-sex parents. *Journal of Family Psychology*, 20, 526-530.

Abbie E. Goldberg & Katherine R. Allen (2007). Imagining men: Lesbian mothers' perceptions of male involvement during the transition to parenthood. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 69, 352-365.

Dana Berkowitz & William Marsiglio (2007). Gay men: Negotiating procreative, father, and family identities. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 69, 366-381.

Elizabeth A. Sharp & Lawrence Ganong (2007). Living in the gray: women's experiences of missing the marital transition. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 69, 831-844.

- 13 April 9 Student Presentations
- 14. April 16 Student Presentations
- 15. April 23 Student Presentations

Appendix

Guidelines for Term paper:

Select a topic that really interests you and that might further your career aspirations (i.e., it helps you hone your thesis topic, prepare for comps, or create an article for journal submission). Compose the paper as if you were preparing a presentation for a professional meeting such as the American Sociological Association. If you have access to empirical data, you may write an empirical article. It should include a brief literature review, statement of the hypotheses or model to be tested, presentation of the methods and results, discussion of the findings, and a set of conclusions. Most of you, however, do not have access to data and will write a paper that is essentially a review of the literature regarding some topic or issue. I suggest you try to bring some clarity or resolution to a theoretical debate, a social controversy, or a public policy relating to family or intimate relationships. Do more than just review the literature. Provide some creative resolution (e.g., identify weaknesses in extant studies and suggest what a critical test would look like, note the types of studies that produce one result versus those that produce another, show how the data supports one type of social policy versus another, etc.).

Guidelines for class participation:

Each student is expected to read each of the required readings prior to class and to participate in class discussions of each reading. Students will **type** and bring 3 discussion questions to each class session to share with the class during discussions of the required reading. Questions might focus, for example, on a readings theoretical contributions, methodological limitations, or implications for policy and practice for the article. Questions will be handed in at the beginning of each class but students may want to make an extra copy of their questions to use during discussion. Your participation in class discussion is crucial to the learning process and to the development of an interesting and stimulating class atmosphere.

Guidelines for critiquing/reviewing research articles:

Each student will review and critique approximately 3 of the recommended articles. The exact number will be determined once the enrollment of the class is confirmed. You should prepare a two page typed summary of the article and make enough copies to distribute to the instructor as well as each student in the class at the beginning of your presentation.

Paper Presentations:

Each student will make a 30 minute presentation of their paper to the class. You should plan to use visual aids of some sort. This may include a handout summarizing your paper, the use of overheads, or a power point presentation. You should plan to do this in much the same way that a presentation at a professional conference is done. Introduce the topic, indicate the purpose of your paper, provide an overview of your arguments and findings, and make concluding comments.

The Discussant Role:

Paper presentations will be followed by comments from a discussant. Each person in the class will serve as the discussant for one classmate. Please provide your discussant with a completed copy of your paper at the class meeting one week prior to your presentation date. Discussants should identify the purpose or goal of the paper (as stated in the introduction), and focus on the extent to which the presenter met that purpose (i.e., how well did they do what they said they were going to do?) Be sure to highlight the strengths or positive features of the paper such as the importance of the topic, the clarity, originality, complexity, or insightfulness of the arguments, or the quality of the data and analysis. Note the things about the paper or presentation that you especially liked. However, you should also note aspects of the paper that you found problematic (e.g., choice of measures, analyses not clear, an argument that seems vague or illogical, contradictory evidence from various sources, etc.). Humbly provide any suggestions for improving the paper. You might also identify what you believe to be the logical next step (e.g.,

research questions, policy implications) that follows from the paper. The discussant should provide a written copy of his/her comments to the instructor and to the author of the paper at the end of that class session. The discussant's comments will be limited to a maximum of 10 minutes.

The Final Version of Your Paper:

A hard copy of the final version of your paper is due by 5:00 p.m. on April 30. The final version should incorporate suggestions by your discussant as well as those made your classmates during the class discussion at the end of your presentation. Papers should include a cover page and approximately 12-15 pages of text, be double spaced with 12 point font and 1-inch margins, and utilize either ASA or APA format.