

Human Development & Family Studies 766-3
Couple Relationships: Theory, Research, and Program Implications

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Course Description

Fundamental to the philosophy of this course is the notion that prevention, intervention and policy efforts ***informed by basic research on the nature and dynamics of relationships*** have the greatest likelihood of successfully contributing to positive relational outcomes. This course will therefore review current research on the nature, dynamics, and developmental course of committed couple relationships and then explore the implications of this scientific knowledge for prevention/intervention programs and policy. Contemporary theories (e.g., evolutionary psychology, attachment, self-determination, social learning) and empirical research will be used to critically examine core questions in the relationships field. Why do humans form “pair bonds”? Why are human mating bonds fragile? What accounts for differences in happily-married versus unhappily-married couples? How do committed relationships change over time? What can we do to prevent marital discord and dissolution?

Course Objectives

The overarching objective of the course is to foster a student's commitment to independent inquiry, life-long learning, the translation of science to application, and to collaborative learning ideals. More specifically, over the course of the semester, students will be expected to:

- gain an appreciation of diversity in patterns and processes of relating;
- understand how cultural and individual values shape our understanding of relationship ideals and dynamics;
- develop and enhance their skills in the critical evaluation of research studies and theories of human bonding;
- gain an appreciation of the contributions as well as the limitations of empirical research on couple level interaction processes;
- become comfortable with a multi-disciplinary approach to understanding the nature of human bonding;
- develop a research-based knowledge of the factors associated with both optimal and less optimal relationship functioning;
- understand the developmental nature of relationships—appreciate the diverse trajectories of relationships and the factors that influence these trajectories over time;
- gain basic knowledge of current prevention, intervention and policy efforts related to the improvement of couple health and functioning;
- understand the “real life” implications of empirical findings and learn to “translate” basic knowledge for applied purposes;
- understand the complexities involved in the translation of relationship science to societal goals related to the enhancement of individual and societal health and well-being.

Course Requirements

Active engagement. This class will be conducted as a seminar designed to foster an intellectual atmosphere of discovery, critical thinking, and reflective sharing. The format will be discussion, although I will occasionally provide a mini-lecture, guest lecture, a video, or a class exercise. The vitality of our

discussion depends on your active participation, your religious and thorough reading of the assigned material, and your willingness to share your reactions and thoughts with the class. Each week you should complete all of the required readings--and any additional recommended readings that you can--and come prepared to discuss the day's topic. Each week your comments and reflections should provide evidence that you are familiar with the material and that you are critically evaluating and grappling with it. However, at the same time, I recognize the diversity of styles and prior experiences that students bring to class and offer an alternative to a discussion grade based on your contributions to the "in class" discussion: you may instead communicate your thoughts and reflections on the reading material via email (to me, or better, to the whole class). This written correspondence will serve the same purpose: to allow you to demonstrate your familiarity with the readings and your ability to understand and integrate the course material.

Each of you will be the designated discussion leader for one class. Your task as discussion leader will NOT be to prepare a lecture or provide a summary of the readings. Your job will be to "ignite" the discussion. Exactly what you do in your role is open to your own comfort level, initiative, and creativity. You can bring in provocative questions, set up a "debate," organize the group into small discussion groups for problem-solving, take issue with a finding, attempt to integrate readings across weeks, or employ any other (reasonable) tactic that might provoke intellectual discussion.

In addition, you may occasionally be given an "active engagement assignment" (e.g. to review a particular website, to write a discussion question based on the reading, etc.) which you should come prepared to discuss.

Your active engagement grade will be based on your participation classroom discussions, your role as discussion leader, and your performance on the active engagement assignments.

Book review/critique. Each student will be responsible for reading a "self-help" book for couples and writing an evaluative review of the book and its approach. A list of books and further instructions will be forthcoming. Reviewing books in our field is a valued professional activity and a good professional skill to have. To get a sense of the character of such reviews, go to Journal of Marriage and the Family or Journal of Social and Personal Relationships in the electronic data base. You are also welcome to look for such reviews in other journals. Read at least 2 reviews and look for books that are more "popular" than academic. In writing your review, you should feel free to make it creative and interesting, but I would also like you to provide a "professional" assessment of the book. Do you think the book would be helpful? Is the advice consistent or inconsistent with research literature? Due Week 12-- Nov 18. 4-6 pages.

Final Paper/Project. A 15-20 page paper or a comparable alternative project on a topic of interest to you related to couple relationships will be required of each student. This project can take many different forms, but your topic and the direction you plan to take needs to be approved before you undertake your work. I will meet individually with each of you to help in the selection of an appropriate topic and establish the guidelines for work. You may want to consider using this opportunity to write a paper as though you were going to try to publish it or submit it to the IARR conference (and ideally perhaps you will try to do this). In addition to an empirical piece, many other types of papers are also possibilities. For example, you could critique or take a stand on a controversial issue in the field, critically evaluate a popular hypothesis, theory, construct, or measure, review and integrate recent research in a particular area, provide a synthesis or theoretical model integrating past research, design a workbook, webpage or intervention program for couples and so forth. It will be best if you pursue a topic that is of great interest to you; I will be happy to work with you to identify such a topic if you have difficulty. You should meet with me and settle on a topic by Week 5 of the semester. The final project will be due on December 15.

Summary: The following weights will be used to calculate your final grade:

Active engagement: 50%

Book review 10%

Final Paper/Project: 40%

Special Needs or Concerns

I wish to fully include persons with special needs in this course. Please let me know if you need any special accommodations in the curriculum, instruction, or assessments of this course to enable you to fully participate. I will maintain confidentiality of the information you share with me.

If observance of a religious holiday conflicts with the required exercises (assignments, exams etc) in this class, contact me as early as possible but at least 2 weeks prior to the conflict so that accommodations can be made.

Topic Outline

I. Introduction

- A. Structure and scope of the course
- B. The field of close relationships
- C. Primary questions
 - Why do we mate?
 - How do couple relationships develop and change over time?
 - Why are some couple relationships rewarding and others miserable?
 - What can we do to prevent marital discord and instability and enhance relationship functioning?

II. Fundamentals/ building blocks

- A. Gender and relationships
- B. Research approaches to relationships
 - self-report, observational and diary studies
- C. The diversity of relationships: cultural and historical perspectives
 - Courtship and Marriage in socio-cultural context
- D. The primacy of relationships
- E. Theoretical perspectives
 - Evolutionary theories
 - Attachment theory
 - Social interaction, exchange, social learning perspectives
- F. Relationship Development and the marital life cycle

III. Interpersonal processes in intimate relationships

- A. Couple Assessment
- B. Conflict
- C. Positive processes: social support, intimacy.

IV. Social Cognition and relational outcomes

V. Later-life marital relationships

VI. Couple relationships and health

VII. How can we prevent marital discord and instability?

- A. Couples education, "relationship enhancement"
- B. Couples therapy/intervention
- C. "Self-help" approaches
- D. Policy initiatives; the marriage movement.

Weekly Schedule and Readings

* indicates required readings.

September 2

Week 1--Introduction/ Class organization

*Syllabus.

September 9

Week 2– Relationship Science: History, Methods and Models

Terman, L.S. (1938). Psychological factors in marital happiness. New York: McGraw-Hill Book Company, Inc.

Tharp, R.G. (1963). Psychological patterning in marriage. Psychological Bulletin, 60, 97-117.

Barry, W.A. (1970). Marriage research and conflict: An integrative review. Psychological Bulletin, 73, 41-54.

Clark, M. S., & Reis, H. T. (1988). Interpersonal processes in close relationships. Annual Review of Psychology, 39, 609-672.

Berscheid, E. (1994). Interpersonal relationships. Annual Review of Psychology, 45, 79-129.

Berscheid, E. (1999). The greening of relationship science. The American Psychologist, 54, 260-266.

Hinde, R.A. (1995). A suggested structure for a science of relationships. Personal Relationships, 2, 1-15.

Whisman, M.A. (1997). Satisfaction in close relationships: Challenges for the 21st century. In R. J. Sternberg and M. Hojjat (Eds.) Satisfaction in Close Relationships. New York: Guilford.

Markman, H. J. (1992). Marital and family psychology: Burning issues. Journal of Family Psychology, 5, 264-275.

Aron, A., & Aron, E. N. (1995). Three suggestions for increased emphasis in the study of personal relationships. Journal of Social and Personal Relationships, 12, 559-562.

Metts, S. (1995). Three questions for consideration. Journal of Social and Personal Relationships, 12, 607-612.

Kenny, D.A. (1995). Relationship science in the 21st century. Journal of Social and Personal Relationships, 12, 597-600.

Kelley, H. H. (1986). Personal relationships: Their nature and significance. In R. Gilmour & S. Duck (Eds.), The emerging field of personal relationships (pp. 3-19). Hillsdale, NJ: Erlbaum.

*Harvey, J.H., & Weber, A.L. (2002). Odyssey of the heart: Close relationships in the 21st century. Mahwah, New Jersey, LEA. Chapter 1, pp. 1-15.

*Reis, H. T., Collins, W. A. Berscheid, E. (2000). The relationship context of human behavior and development. Psychological Bulletin, 126,844-872.

*Huston, T.L.(2000).The social ecology of marriage and other intimate unions. Journal of Marriage and the Family, 62, 298-320.

*Gottman, J.G., & Notarius, C. (2002). Marital research in the 20th century and a research agenda for the 21st century. Family Process, 41, 159-197.

Other major reviews:

Weiss, R. L. & Heyman, R. E. (1990). Observation of marital interaction. In F.D. Fincham and T. N. Bradbury, (Eds.), The psychology of marriage: Basic issues and applications. New York: Guilford.

Weiss, R. L., & Heyman, R. E. (1997). A clinical-research overview of couple interactions. In W. K. Halford and H. Markman (Eds.) Clinical handbook of marriage and couples intervention. (pp. 13- 41). New York: Wiley.

Gottman, J. M. & Notarius, C.I. (2000). Decade review: Observing marital interaction. Journal of Marriage and the Family, 62, 927-948.

Bradbury, T. N., Fincham, F. D., & Beach, S. R. H. (2000). Research on the nature and determinants of marital satisfaction: A decade in review. Journal of Marriage and the Family, 62, 964-980.

Gottman, J. M. (1998). Psychology and the study of marital processes. Annual Review of Psychology, 49, 169-197.

Flanagan, Clements, Whitton, Pourtney, Randall, & Markman. Chapter 4 Retrospect and prospect in the psychological study of marital and couple relationships. In McHale, J.P. and Gronick, W.S. (Eds.) (2002). *Retrospect and prospect in the psychological study of families*. Hillsdale, NJ: Lawrence E. Erlbaum Associates.

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Week 3-- Fundamentals continued: Gender.

*Harvey, J.H., & Weber, A.L. (2002). Odyssey of the heart: Close relationships in the 21st century. Mahwah, New Jersey, LEA. Chapter 2, pp. 17-35.

*Peplau, L. A. (1994). Men and women in love. In D.L. Sollie and L.A. Leslie (Eds.) Gender, families and close relationships. Thousand Oaks: Sage.

*Reis, H. T. (1998). Gender differences in intimacy and related behaviors: Context and Process. In D. Canary & K. Dindia (Eds.), Sex, differences and similarities in communication: Critical essays and empirical investigations of sex and gender in interaction. Pp 203-231. Hilldale, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum.

*Gottman, J.M., & Carrere, S. (1994). Why Can't Men and Women Get Along? Developmental roots and marital inequities. In D.J. Canary & L. Stafford (Eds.), Communication and Relational Maintenance (pp.203-229) NY: Academic Press.

SELECT EITHER ONE OF THE TWO ARTICLES BELOW TO READ, IF YOU'VE READ ONE BEFORE, READ THE OTHER. IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST EXPOSURE TO BUSS'S THEORY YOU MAY FIND THE SECOND ONE EASIER. YOU ARE OF COURSE WELCOME TO READ BOTH, BUT READING ONE CAREFULLY MAY BE A BETTER STRATEGY, THE GOAL IS TO REALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT THE THEORY ASSERTS. WARNING: THE THEORY IS EASY TO MISUNDERSTAND.

*Buss, D.M., & Schmitt, D.P. (1993). Sexual strategies theory: An evolutionary perspective on human mating. Psychological Review, 100, 204-232.

*Buss, D. M. (1994, May-June). The strategies of human mating. American Scientist, 82, 238-249. (A popularized version of the above, complete with graphics and photos).

*Eagly, A. H. & Wood, W. (1999). The origins of sex differences in human behavior: Evolved dispositions versus social roles. American Psychologist, 54, pp. 408-423.

Buss, D. M. (1994). The evolution of desire: Strategies of human mating. New York: Basic Books.

Cutrona, C. E. (1996). Gender related differences in social support and coping. In C. E. Cutrona, Social support in couples, (Chapter 2, pp. 18-38). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, Inc.

Goldsmith, D. J. & Dun, S. A. (1997). Sex differences and similarities in the communication of social support. Journal of Social and Personal Relationships, 14, 317-337.

Pasch, L. A., Bradbury, T. N., & Davila, J. T. (1997). Gender, negative affectivity, and observed social support behavior in marital interaction. Personal Relationships, 4, 361-378.

Hyde, J. S. (1996). Where are the gender differences? Where are the gender similarities? In D. M. Buss & N. M. Malamuth (Eds.) Sex, power and conflict: Evolutionary and feminist perspectives. New York: Oxford University Press.

Gottman, J.M. (1994). Male withdrawal from conflict. In What predicts divorce? The relationship between marital processes and marital outcomes (Chapter 12, pp. 237-283). Hillsdale, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates.

Christensen, A. and Heavey, C.L. (1990). Gender and social structure in the demand/withdraw pattern of marital conflict. Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, 59, 73-81.

Heavey, C.L., Layne, C. & Christensen, A. (1993). Gender and conflict structure in marital interaction: A replication and extension. Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology, 61, 16-27.

Heavey, C. L., Christensen, A. & Malamuth, N.M. (1995). The longitudinal impact of demand and withdrawal during marital conflict. Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology, 63, 797-801.

Klinetob, N.A. & Smith, D. A. (1996). Demand-withdraw communication in marital interaction: Tests of interspousal contingency and gender role hypotheses. Journal of Marriage and the Family, 58, 945-957.

Web work on John Grey and his critics. **See**
http://ourworld.comuserve.com/homepages/women_rebuttal_from_uranus/

September 23

Week 4 – Diversity and Universals in Couple Bonding

*Zeifman, D. & Hazan C. (1997). Attachment: The bond in pair-bonds. In J. A. Simpson and D. T. Kendrick (Eds.) Evolutionary Social Psychology. Mahwah NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum

*Hatfield, E. and Rapson, R. L. (1996). Love and sex: Cross-cultural perspectives. Boston: Allyn and Bacon. Pp. 1-23; 44-58. (PDF)

*McLoyd, V.C., Cauce, A.M., Takeuchi, D., & Wilson, L. (2000). Marital processes and parental socialization in families of color: A decade of research. Journal of Marriage and the Family, 62, 1070-1093. **REQUIRED ONLY UP TO PAGE 1080, I.E., PARENTAL SECTION NOT REQUIRED.**

*Rothbaum, F., Pott, M. Azuma, H., Miyake, K, & Weiss, J. (2000). The development of close relationships in Japan and the United States: Paths of symbiotic harmony and generative tension. Child Development, 71, p 1121-143. (PDF)

*Ingersoll, D., Campbell, R., Kurokawa, Y., Saito, M. (1996). Separateness and togetherness: Interdependence over the life course in Japanese and American marriages. Journal of Social and Personal Relationships, 13, pp. 385-398.

Kamo, Y. (1993) Determinants of marital satisfaction: A comparison of the United States and Japan. Journal of Social and Personal Relationships, 10, 551-568.

Orbuch, T. L., Veroff, J., Hunter, A. G. (1999). Black couples, white couples: The early years of marriage. In M.E. Hetherington, et-al (Eds.) Coping with divorce, single parenting, and remarriage: A risk and resiliency perspective. (pp. 23-43). Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates..

Timmer, S.G., Veroff, J. & Hatchett, S. (1996). Family ties and marital happiness: The different marital experiences of black and white newlywed couples. Journal of Social and Personal Relationships, 13, 335-360.

Oggins, J., Veroff, J., & Leber, D. (1993). Perceptions of marital interaction among black and white newlyweds. Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, 65(3), 494-511.

Pimentel, E. E. (2000) Just how do I love you? Marital relations in urban China. Journal of Marriage and the Family, 62, pp 32-47.

Xu, X., & Whyte, M. K. (1990). Love matches and arranged marriages. Journal of Marriage and the Family, 52, 709-722.

Gaines, S.O., Rios, D. I., Granrose, C. S., Bledsoe, K. L. (1999) Romanticism and interpersonal resource exchange among African American-Anglo and other interracial couples. Journal of Black Psychology.

Baumeister, R. F. & Leary, M.R. (1995). The need to belong: Desire for interpersonal attachments as a fundamental motivation. Psychological Bulletin, 1117, 497-529.

Guisinger, S. & Blatt, S. (1994). Individuality and relatedness: Evolution of a fundamental dialectic. American Psychologist, 49, 104-111.

Ainsworth, M.D.S. (1991). Attachments and other affectional bonds across the life cycle. In C. M. Parkes, J. Stevenson-Hinde & P. Marris (Eds.). Attachment across the life cycle. London: Routledge.

Hazan, C., & Shaver, P. (1987). Romantic love conceptualized as an attachment process. Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, 52, 511-524.

Shaver, P., Hazan, C., & Bradshaw, D. (1988). Love as attachment: The integration of three behavioral systems. In R.J. Sternberg and M.L. Barnes (Eds.) The Psychology of Love. New Haven: Yale University Press.

Shaver, P., Morgan, H. J., & Wu, S. (1996) Is love a basic emotion? Personal Relationships, 3, 81-96.

Kirkpatrick, L. A. (1998). Evolution, pair-bonding and reproductive strategies. In J.A. Simpson and W.S. Rholes (Eds.) Attachment theory and close relationships. New York: Guilford.

Crowell, J. A., & Waters, E. (1994). Bowlby's theory grown up: The role of attachment in adult love relationships. Psychological Inquiry, 5, 31-34.

Hendrick, C., & Hendrick, S. S. (1994). Attachment theory and close adult relationships. Psychological Inquiry, 5, 38-41.

Fraley, R. C. and Shaver, P. R. (2000). Adult romantic attachment: Theoretical developments, emerging controversies, and unanswered questions. Review of General Psychology, 4 (2), 132-154.

Fisher, H. (1992). The anatomy of love: A natural history of mating, marriage, and why we stray. New York: W. W. Norton.

Miller, L. C. & Fishkin, S.A. (1997). On the dynamics of human bonding and reproductive success: Seeking windows on the adapted-for-human-environment interface. In J. A. Simpson and D. T. Kendrick (Eds.) Evolutionary Social Psychology. Mahwah NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum.

Kenrick, D. T., Groth, G. E., Trost, M. R., & Sadalla, E. K. (1993). Integrating evolutionary and social exchange perspectives on relationships: Effects of gender, self-appraisal, and involvement level on mate selection criteria. Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, 64, 951-969.

Lykken, D. T., & Tellegen, A. (1993). Is human mating adventitious or the result of lawful choice? A twin study of mate selection. Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, 65, 56-68.

September 30

Week 5—Couple Relationships through Time: Development and Change

*Cate, R., M., Levin, L. A., Richmond, L.S., (2002). Premarital relationship stability: A review of the literature. Journal of Social and Personal Relationships, 19, 261-284.

*Surra, C. A., Hughes, D. K., (1997). Commitment processes in accounts of the development of premarital relationships. Journal of Marriage & the Family, 59, .pp. 5-21.

*Shapiro, A., F., Gottman, J. M. Carrere, S. (2000). The baby and the marriage: Identifying factors that buffer against decline in marital satisfaction after the first baby arrives.; Journal of Family Psychology, 14, pp. 59-70.

*Karney, B. R., & Bradbury, T. N. (1995). The longitudinal course of marital quality and stability: A review of theory, method, and research. Psychological Bulletin, 228, 3-34.

Karney, B. R. & Frye, N. E. (2002). "But we've been getting better lately": Comparing prospective and retrospective views of relationship development. Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, 82, 222-238.

Vangelisti, Anita L.; Reis, Harry T.; Fitzpatrick, Mary Anne; 2002. Stability and change in relationships. New York, NY, US: Cambridge University Press. [Edited Book]

Fuller, T. L. & Fincham, F. D. (1994). The marital life cycle: A developmental approach to the study of marital change. In L. L'Abate (Ed.), Handbook of developmental family psychology and psychopathology. New York: John Wiley & Sons.

October 7

Week 6—Communication, Structure and Pattern: The study of marital interaction

*Raush, H.L., Barry, W.A., Hertel, R.K., & Swain, M.A. (1974). Communication, conflict, and marriage. San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass. pp. 1-8; 18-28.

*Gottman, J. M. (1994). What predicts divorce? The relationship between marital processes and marital outcomes. Hillsdale, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates. (Chapter 2).

*Gottman, J.M. (1982). Temporal Form: Toward a new language for describing relationships. Journal of Marriage and the Family, 44, 943-962.

*Larson, R. and Richards, M. H.(1994). Marriage in the trenches. In Divergent Realities: The Emotional Lives of Mothers, Fathers, and Adolescents. pp. 107-130. New York: Basic Books.

*Roberts, L. J. & Krokoff, L.J. (1990). A time-series analysis of withdrawal, hostility, and displeasure in satisfied and dissatisfied marriages. Journal of Marriage and the Family, 52, 95-105.

*Margolin, G., John, R. S., Burman, B. (1993). America's angriest home videos: Behavioral contingencies observed in home reenactments of marital conflict. Journal of Consulting & Clinical Psychology, 61, pp. 28-39.

Margolin, M. J., & Wampold, B. E. (1981). A sequential analysis of conflict and accord in distressed and nondistressed marital partners. Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology, 49, 554-567.

Wills, T.A., Weiss, R.L. & Patterson, G.R. (1974). A behavioral analysis of the determinants of marital satisfaction. Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology, 42, 802-811.

Gottman, J.M. (1979). Marital Interaction: Experimental Investigations. New York: Academic Press.

Saitzyk, A. R.; Floyd, F. J.; Kroll, A. B. (1997). Sequential analysis of autonomy-interdependence and affiliation-disaffiliation in couples' social support interactions.; Personal Relationships, Vol 4(4), pp. 341-360.

Johnson, M. D., Bradbury, T. N. (1999). Marital satisfaction and topographical assessment of marital interaction: A longitudinal analysis of newlywed couples. Personal Relationships, 6, pp. 19-40.

Gottman, J. M. (1998). Psychology and the study of marital processes. Annual Review of Psychology, 49, 169-197.

Noller, P. & Feeney, J. A. (Eds.) (2002). Understanding marriage: Developments in the study of marital interaction. New York: Cambridge University Press.

October 14

Week 7—Couple assessment

Not required, but if you would like some background on validity and reliability, see this online research methods textbook by Trochim: on reliability: <http://trochim.human.cornell.edu/kb/reliable.htm>
on measurement validity types: <http://trochim.human.cornell.edu/kb/measval.htm>

this next chapter is also not required but a good background piece on methods related to the study of close relationships if you feel you would like to "brush up" on this.

Ickes, W. (1994). Methods of studying close relationships. In A.L. Weber and J.H. Harvey (Eds.) Perspectives on Close Relationships. Boston: Allyn and Bacon.

*Oregon Social Learning Center, short tutorial on observational research.
<http://www.oslc.org/training.html>

Read the relevant pages on this site to get a good overview of the basic "how to" issues for systematic observation--this center has been at the forefront in behavioral observation methods.

*Bradbury, T. N. (1995) Assessing the four fundamental domains of marriage. Family Relations, 44, 459-468.

*Fincham, F. D., & Bradbury, T. N. (1987). The assessment of marital quality: A reevaluation. Journal of Marriage and the Family, 49, 797-809.

*Gottman, J. M. (1995). Introduction to *What Predicts Divorce*. (see citation above). The PDF file contains the entire first chapter but the only section required is from p. 9- 17, you might want to skim the rest.

*Heyman, R. E. (2001). Observation of couple conflicts: Clinical assessment applications, stubborn truths, and shaky foundations. Psychological Assessment, 13, 5-35.

Reis, H. T. (1994). Domains of experience: Investigating relationship processes from three perspectives. In R. Erber & R. Gilmour (Eds.), Theoretical frameworks for personal relationships. Hillsdale, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum.

Howe, G.W. & Reiss, D. (1993). Simulation and Experimentation in Family Research. In Boss, P. G., Doherty, W.J., LaRossa R., Schumm, W.R. & Steinmetz, S.K. (Eds.) Sourcebook of Family Theories and Methods. (pp 303-321). NY: Plenum.

Jacob, T., Tennenbaum, D.L. & Krahn, G. (1987). Factors Influencing the Reliability and Validity of Observational Data. In T. Jacob (Ed.) Family Interaction and Psychopathology: Theories, Methods, & Findings. (pp297-328) New York: Plenum.

Markman, H.J. and Notarius, C.I. (1987) Coding Marital and Family Interaction: Current Status. In T. Jacob (Ed.) Family Interaction and Psychopathology. (pp 329-390). *This chapter is somewhat old now, but describes and reviews many of the coding systems that were developed in the 70's and 80's --good reference material.*

Gottman, J.M. (1994). Appendix: The Observational Coding Systems. What predicts divorce? The relationship between marital processes and marital outcomes. Hillsdale, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates.

Bakeman, R. & Gottman, J.M. (1997). Observing interaction: An introduction to sequential analysis. New York: Cambridge University Press. *An excellent "how to" book covering both data collection and data analysis issues.*

Bakeman, G. (2000). Behavioral observation. In Reis, H., & Judd, C.M. (Eds.). Handbook of Research Methods in Social and Personality Psychology. New York: Cambridge University Press.

October 21

Week 8 –Conflict Processes

*Fincham, F. D. & Beach, S. R. (1999). Conflict in marriage: Implications for working with couples Annual Review of Psychology, 50, 47-77.

*Roberts, L. J. (2000). Fire and ice in marital communication: Hostile and distancing behaviors as predictors of marital distress. Journal of Marriage and the Family, 62, pp. 693-707.

*Sillars A.L., Roberts L., Leonard K.E., Dun T. (2000). Cognition during marital conflict: The relationship of thought and talk. Journal of Social and Personal Relationships, 17, pp. 479-502.

*Gottman, J.M. & Krokoff, L.J. (1989). Marital interaction and satisfaction: A longitudinal view. Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology, 57, 47-52.

*Heavey, C. L., Christensen, A. & Malamuth, N.M. (1995). The longitudinal impact of demand and withdrawal during marital conflict. Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology, 63, 797-801.

Kurdek, L. A. (1995). Predicting change in marital satisfaction from husbands' and wives' conflict resolution styles. Journal of Marriage and the Family, 57, 153-164.

Christensen, A. and Walczynski, P. T. (1997). Conflict and satisfaction in couples. In R. J. Sternberg and M. Hojjat (Eds.) Satisfaction in Close Relationships. New York: Guilford.

Smith, D.A., Vivian, D., & O'Leary, K.D. (1990). Longitudinal prediction of marital discord from premarital discord from premarital expressions of affect. Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology, 58, 790-798.

Christensen, A. and Heavey, C.L. (1990). Gender and social structure in the demand/withdraw pattern of marital conflict. Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, 59, 73-81.

Heavey, C.L., Layne, C. & Christensen, A. (1993). Gender and conflict structure in marital interaction: A replication and extension. Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology, 61, 16-27.

Klinetob, N.A. & Smith, D. A. (1996). Demand-withdraw communication in marital interaction: Tests of interspousal contingency and gender role hypotheses. Journal of Marriage and the Family, 58, 945-957.

Woody, E. Z. & Costanzo, P. R. (1990). Does marital agony precede marital ecstasy? A comment on Gottman and Krokoff's Marital interaction and satisfaction: a longitudinal view". Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology, 58, 499-501.

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December 9

Week 15– 1. Policy and the Politics of Marriage

Some relevant websites:

Coalition for Marriage, Couple and Family Education
<http://www.smartmarriages.com/>

The Prep Website has a section on marital education and policy with a number of papers:
<http://www.prepinc.com/main/Articles.asp>

Center for Law and Social Policy
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Virginia Journal of Social Policy & the Law.

(Optional reading: recent updates on the role of government, new initiatives, see:
[Marriage-Related Provisions in Recent Welfare Reauthorization Proposals: A Summary](#) by Mary Parke.

*Go to the Smart Marriages website and then the page on Community Healthy Marriage Initiatives:

<http://www.smartmarriages.com/grants.html>

read or at least skim the linked articles on this page (exception: you do not need to read all 3 of the grant applications—they are by far the longest documents on the page— read some of one or skim 2; skip the link to “collection of posts”)

Some opposing viewpoints:

*1) [Marriage-Plus](#) by Theodora Ooms.

*2) A counter:

"Marriage Plus": Sabotaging the President's Efforts to Promote Healthy Marriage by Robert E. Rector, Melissa G. Pardue, Lauren R. Noyes

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<http://www.smartmarriages.com/atlantic.html>

Why Marriage Matters: Twenty One Conclusions from the Social Sciences

U.S. House of Representatives. Testimony from Witnesses before the Subcommittee on Human Resources, Committee on Ways and Means, on Welfare and Marriage Issues. Testimony from Mark Anderson, Chair, Human Services Committee, Arizona House of Representatives; Jerry Regier, Cabinet Secretary, Oklahoma Department of Health and Human Services; Michael J. and Harriet McManus, Co-Chairs, Marriage Savers; David Popenoe, Ph.D., Co-Director, National Marriage Project, and Professor of Sociology, Rutgers University; Theodora Ooms, Senior Policy Analyst, Center for Law and Social Policy; Patrick F. Fagan, William H.G. FitzGerald Fellow in Family and Culture Issues, Heritage Foundation; Kathryn Edin, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Sociology, Northwestern University, Institute of Policy Research; Laurie Rubiner, Vice President for Program and Public Policy, National Partnership for Women and Families; C. Eugene Steuerle, Ph.D., Senior Fellow, Urban Institute. (Washington, DC: U.S. House of Representatives, May 22, 2001) at <http://waysandmeans.house.gov/humres/107cong/hr-5wit.htm>. **(I couldn't get this link to work, not sure if disabled temporarily or permanently)**