Sociology of Family Comprehensive Exam
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Irene Boeckman – paid work, gender, parenthood, work-family policies
Bonnie Fox – gender relations in families, parenthood
Melissa Milkie – parenting culture, gender, work-family conflicts, time use
Rania Salem – marriage, paid work, family demography
Weiguo Zhang – social demography, sociology of families, aging

[readings are listed in chronological order]

**Theoretical Approaches**
Collins, Patricia Hill. 1998. “It’s All in the Family: Intersections of Gender, Race, and Nation.”
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**Supplementary Readings:**
Family Patterns and Demographic Trends


Social History of Families


Ryan, Mary. 1981. Cradle of the Middle Class: The Family in Oneida County, New York, 1790-1865. Cambridge University Press. [Omit Ch. 2]


Supplementary Readings:


Classic Family Studies


**Families in the Economy**

Luxton, Meg and June Corman. 2001. *Getting By in Hard Times: Gendered Labour at Home and on the Job.* University of Toronto Press. [Chaps. 2, 5, 6, 7]
Silva, Jennifer M. 2013. *Coming Up Short: Working-Class Adulthood in an Age of Uncertainty.* N.Y.: Oxford University Press. [Chaps. 1, 2, 3]

**Supplementary Reading:**


**Families and Immigration; Transnational Families**


Sexuality and Dating
Ericksen, Julia. 1999. Kiss and Tell: Surveying Sex in the Twentieth Century. Harvard Univ. Press. [Chaps 1, 2]

Marriage; Cohabitation
Schwartz, Christine. 2010. “Earnings Inequality and the Changing Association Between Spouses’ Earnings.” American Journal of Sociology 115, 5:

Schneider, Daniel. 2011. “Wealth and the Marital Divide.” AJS 117, 2:


Supplementary Reading:


**Divorce and Blended Families**


Kurz, Demie. 1995. *For Richer, for Poorer: Mothers Confront Divorce.* Routledge. [Chaps 2, 4]


**Same-Sex Couples**


Carrington, Christopher. 1999. *No Place Like Home: Relationships and Family Life Among Lesbians and Gay Men.* Univ. of Chicago P. [Intro. and chapter of your choice.]


Supplementary Reading:
Kelly, Fiona. 2011. Transforming Law’s Family: The Legal Recognition of Planned Lesbian Motherhood. UBC Press. [Chaps. 1, 2, 3.]

**Parenthood**


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**Supplementary Readings:**

Ranson, Gillian. 2010. Against the Grain: Couples, Gender, and the Reframing of Parenting. University of Toronto Press. [Chaps. 3, 4, 7]


Housework and Childcare
DeVault, Marjorie. 1991. Feeding the Family: The Social Organization of Caring as Gendered Work. Univ. of Cal. Press. [Chaps 1, 2, 3]


Social Policy


Bezanson, Kate. 2006. Gender, the State and Social Reproduction: Household Insecurity and Neo-Liberal Times. Univ. of Toronto Press. [Chaps. 1, 4, 5, 6]


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Violence in Families