

**!!!Preliminary Syllabus!!!**  
**Families in Society**  
**Fall 2014**

**Soc 3638 -001**  
**GNDR 3638 - 001**

**MWF 9.40 -10.30 AM**  
**Beh S 110**

**Instructor: Dr. Claudia Geist**  
**claudia.geist@soc.utah.edu**  
**Office Hours TBA**



**Required Books:**

Philip Cohen. 2014. The Family: Diversity, Inequality, and Social Change  
Brian Powell et al.. 2012. Counted Out

Other readings; You will be assigned one of the following books (no need to buy them before the beginning of the semester)

- Coontz: Marriage, a history
- Lareau: Unequal childhoods
- Gerson: Unfinished revolution

**Grading:**

Attendance/Reading Quizzes (10%)

Midterm (25%) TBA

Book project (20%) Details TBA

Individually graded chapter summaries (10%)

Group presentation + peer evaluation of contribution to group (10%)

Interview paper (20%) Details TBA

Final (25%) TBA

**Preliminary Class Schedule (**

Week 1 A Sociology of the Family

Week 2: The Family History

Week 3: Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration

Week 4: Families and social class

Week 5: Gender

Week 6: Sexuality

Week 7: Love and Romantic Relationships

Week 8: Marriage and Cohabitation  
Week 9: Families and Children  
Week 10: Divorce, Remarriage, and Blended Families  
Week 11: Work and Families  
Week 12: Family Violence and Abuse  
Week 13: Group Presentations  
Week 14: Group Presentations  
Week 15: The Future of “the” Family

## **Polices**

### *ADA*

- The University of Utah seeks to provide equal access to its programs, services and activities for people with disabilities. If you will need accommodations in the class, reasonable prior notice needs to be given to the Center for Disability Services, 162 Olpin Union Building, 801-581-5020. CDS will work with you and the instructor to make arrangements for accommodations.
- All written information in this course can be made available in alternative format with prior notification to the Center for Disability Services.

### *Misconduct*

- Per University of Utah regulations (Policy # 6-400). “A student who engages in academic misconduct,” as defined in Part I.B. and including, but not limited to, cheating, falsification, or plagiarism, “may be subject to academic sanctions including but not limited to a grade reduction, failing grade, probation, suspension or dismissal from the program or the University, or revocation of the student's degree or certificate. Sanctions may also include community service, a written reprimand, and/or a written statement of misconduct that can be put into an appropriate record maintained for purposes of the profession or discipline for which the student is preparing.” Please refer to the Student Code for full elaboration of student academic and behavioral misconduct policies (<http://regulations.utah.edu/academics/6-400.php>).