

COURSE TITLE/SECTION: Social Work with Latino Immigrants

SOCW 7397-2 (18817)

TIME: 6pm-9pm TuWeTh June 2011

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I. Course

A. Catalog Description

Cr. 3 (3-0) Knowledge and skills for social work with Latino immigrants.

B. Purpose

This course examines U.S. immigration historical trends, U.S. immigration laws and policies; immigration reform challenges, with a major focus on immigrant Latino populations and current immigration debate. Constitutional issues related to immigrants; pertinent Visa issues; Students will acquire essential skills in advocacy, policy, and culturally competent practice with Latino immigrants.

II. Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- A. Demonstrate an understanding of the history of Latino immigration to the U.S., the historical context and demographic make-up of the various waves of immigrants from Latin America to the U.S., and the make-up of the current Latino population.
- B. Identify the legal, socio-economic, and political issues related to Latino immigration.
 - a. Attention to comprehensive immigration reform debate at the federal, state & local levels:
 - b. Have a general understanding of U.S Visa laws;
 - c. Public benefits available to immigrants;
 - d. Delineate key issues impacting Latino immigrants and discuss strategies to impact policy through education and advocacy.
- C. Develop an understanding of the critical role and application of culturally competent practice in working with Latino immigrants across diverse social work settings.

- D. Critically analyze and discuss key issues in research and practice with Latino immigrants including issues such as:
 - a. Social Work practice theories application to immigrant populations with a concentrated look at Delgado's "cultural assets paradigm."
 - b. Children & Families;
 - c. Education:
 - d. Health;
 - e. Employment;
 - f. Gender;
 - g. Older adult immigrants; and,
 - h. GLBT population.

III. Course Content

This course will include the following topical (content) areas:

- **A.** Historical context for the various waves of immigration from Latin America (economic immigrants, political immigrants, etc.)
- **B.** Immigration law, reform, and legal, socio-economic, and political issues.
- **C.** Strategies for impacting policy through research, teaching, training, and advocacy.
- **D.** Culturally competent social work practice with Latino immigrants.
- **E.** Research and practice issues relevant to Latino immigrants.

IV. Course Structure and Class Assignments

See attached Appendix A.

V. Textbooks

- **A.** Chang-Muy, Fernando, Congress, Elaine (2008) Social Work with Immigrants and Refugees; Legal Issues, Clinical Skills and Advocacy; New York: Springer Publishing Company
- **B.** Delgado, Melvin (2007) Social Work with Latinos: A Cultural Assets Paradigm. New York: Oxford University Press

VI Course Requirements

- **A.** Reading Assignments
 - a. Readings as assigned (see Appendix A)
- **B.** Completion of Case Studies at end of chapters in Chang-Muy & Congress textbook
- **C.** Student Groups (3-4) will produce a paper of 16 pages with bibliography* & presentation (20-25 minutes leaving time for class questions)
 - a. Select topic or topics that relate to any one or more of the following broad areas: economic, political and legal aspects of immigration reform, health care, mental health, woman & gender based violence, children & family

issues, public benefits to immigrants, eldercare, education, civil and criminal justice system, pathways to citizenship, deportation proceedings, lesbian, gay, transgender & bisexual populations, labor/employment, etc. the paper should address topic from micro, mezzo and macro levels of social work practice. Comment: this list is not meant to be all inclusive or exhaustive. If Group has another topic they would like to write on please consult with professor.

* Bibliography is meant to be an additional resource of research, writings, and/or organizations that may have information and support services available in this particular area.

VII. Evaluation and Grading

A. Over all Class participation/current immigration news: 25%

B. Case Study hand ins & Discussions: 25%

C. Group paper/power point presentation: 50%

Policy on grades of I (Incomplete): Provided something about incompletes is included in all syllabi the specific content is not mandated to be from GPS bulletin.

IX. Course Schedule and Reading Assignments

See attached Appendix A.

X. Bibliography

- Delgado, Melvin, Jones, Kay, & Rohani, Mojdeh (2005). Social Work Practice with Refugee and Immigrant Youth in the United States. New York: Allyn & Bacon.
- Fong, Rowena (2004, Editor), *Culturally Competent Practice with Immigrant and Refugee Children and Families*. New York: The Guilford Press. [Reviewed in Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal, Volume 22 (1, February 2005), pp. 105-108.
- Rothman, Juliet C. (2008). *Cultural Competence in Process and Practice: Building Bridges*. New York: Allyn & Bacon.
- Velez-Ibañez, Carlos & Sampaio, Anna (Editors, 2002). *Transnational Latina/o Communities: Politics, Processes, and Cultures*. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield.
- Fry, R. (2008, October 23). *Latino Settlement in the New Century*. Washington, DC: Pew Hispanic Center.
- Fry, R., & Gonzales, F. (2008, August). *One-in-Five and Growing Fast: A Profile of Hispanic Public School Students*. Washington, DC: Pew Hispanic Center.

Guarnaccia, P. J., Martinez Pincay, I., Alegria, M., Shrout, P. E., Lewis-Fernandez, R., & Canino, G. J. (2007). Assessing Diversity Among Latinos: Results From the NLAAS. *Hispanic Journal of Behavioral Sciences*, 29(4), 510-534.

Institute of Medicine (2003). Unequal Treatment: Confronting Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health Care.

Kochhar, Rakesh (2008, June 4). Latino Labor Report, 2008: Construction Reverses Job Growth for Latinos. Washington, DC: Pew Hispanic Center.

Livingston, G., Minushkin, S., & Cohn, D. V. (2008, August). *Hispanics and Health Care in the United States: Access, Information and Knowledge.* A Joint Pew Hispanic Center and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Research Report.

Lopez, Mark Hugo & Minushkin, Susan (2008, September 18). *Hispanics See Their Situation in U.S. Deteriorating; Oppose Key Immigration Enforcement Measures.* Washington, DC: Pew Hispanic Center.

Pew Hispanic Center (2010, December 30). *The Latino Vote in the 2010 Elections*. Washington, DC: Pew Hispanic Center.

Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund. http://www.maldef.org

Center For Public Policy Priorities, Austin, Texas; http://www.cppp.org

National Immigration Law Center; http://www.nilc.org/

National Immigration Forum; http://www.immigrationforum.org/

Center For Immigration Studies: http://www.cis.org (restrictionist/nativist)

Immigration Reform Law Institute: http://www.irli.org/ (restrictionist/nativist)

National Council Of La Raza; http://www.nclr.org

American Immigration Lawyer's Association; http://www.aila.org

American Bar Association; http://www.abanet.org

The Advocates for Human Rights; http://www.energyofanation.org/Links.html

Immigration Policy Center: http://www.immigrationpolicy.org

Addendum: Whenever possible, and in accordance with 504/ADA guidelines, the University of Houston will attempt to provide reasonable academic accommodations to students who request and require them. Please call 713-743-5400 for more assistance.

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APPENDIX A SOCIAL WORK WITH LATINO IMMIGRANTS SOCW 7397-2 (18817) CLASS ASSIGNMENTS GRADING INFORMATION

CLASS	READING & CLASS ASSIGNMENTS
JUNE 2	1. TOPIC OF CLASS: IMMIGRATION REFORM AND POLICY
	a. READ BY JUNE 2 nd & BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS IN CLASS;
	i. "NASW IMMIGRATION TOOLKIT" POSTED TO
	BLACKBOARD ii. OPTIONAL READING: COMPREHENSIVE CASE FOR
	III. OF HONAL READING: COMPRETIENSIVE CASE FOR IMMIGRATION REFORM SEE: AILA IMMIGRATION
	REFORM RESOURCE GUIDE:
	http://www.aila.org/content/default.aspx?docid=23349
	2. REVIEW CLASS STRUCTURE, ASSIGNMENTS & GRADING
	3. GROUP FINAL PAPER REQUIREMENTS: SELF SELECT GROUP OF 4
	MEMBERS; CHOOSE IMMIGRATION TOPIC(S) AS A GROUP; SUBMIT
	LIST OF GROUP MEMBERS & TOPIC(S) TO PROFESSOR BY JUNE 9 CLASS
	4. BEGINNING JUNE 7th: STUDENTS SELECT CURRENT IMMIGRATION
	NEWS PIECES (PRINT OR ELECTRONIC MEDIA) TO PRESENT TO
	CLASS AND WILL LEAD 10-MINUTE DISCUSSION ; PROFESSOR
	ASSIGNS DAYS TO STUDENT(S). ONE OR TWO STUDENTS WILL
	PRESENT EACH CLASS.
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	5. CLASS DISCUSSION OF CASE STUDIES
	6. IN-CLASS DVD: HOW DEMOCRACY WORKS: "THE LAST BEST
	CHANCE" (100 MINUTES)
	7. IN-CLASS VIDEO (if time permits): Obama Outlines Immigration Reform
	(full video) http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JvcN-
	v5Q7kA&feature=relmfu
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JUNE 7-9	TOPIC OF CLASSES: IMMIGRATION HISTORY; LEGAL CLASSIFICATION OF IMMIGRANTS; PUBLIC BENEFITS
	CLASSIFICATION OF IMMINIGRANTS, FUBLIC BENEFITS
	2. READ BY JUNE 7 th AND BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS IN CLASS:
	a. Chang-Muy & Congress Introduction, Chapters 1 and 2
	b. Delgado Chapters 1,2 &4
	3. BEGINNING OF CLASS: TURN IN RESPONSES TO CASE STUDY
	QUESTIONS AT END OF CHAPTER 2, PAGES 60-61 (CONGRESS)
	4. DAILY DISCUSSIONS ON CURRENT IMMIGRATION NEWS PIECES

- 5. DISCUSSIONS OF CASE STUDIES
- 6. READ BY JUNE 8th AND BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS IN CLASS:
 - a. Chang-Muy & Congress Introduction, Chapter 3
- 7. **BEGINNING OF CLASS:** TURN IN RESPONSES TO CASE STUDY QUESTIONS AT END OF CHAPTER 3, PAGES 74-77 (CONGRESS)
- 8. DAILY DISCUSSIONS ON CURRENT IMMIGRATION NEWS PIECES
- 9. DISCUSSIONS OF CASE STUDIES

10. READ BY JUNE 9th AND BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS IN CLASS:

- a. Chang-Muy & Congress Introduction, Chapter 4
- 11. **BEGINNING OF CLASS**: TURN IN RESPONSES TO CASE STUDY QUESTIONS AT END OF CHAPTER 4, PAGES 98-99 (CONGRESS)
- 12. DAILY DISCUSSIONS ON CURRENT IMMIGRATION NEWS PIECES
- 13. DISCUSSIONS OF CASE STUDIES
- 14. IN-CLASS VIDEO JUNE 9th: "THE LEAST OF THESE" ABOUT FORMER HUTTO TEXAS FAMILY DETENTION CENTER.

http://www.snagfilms.com/films/title/the_least_of_these/

**NOTE: PROFESSOR TO HANDOUT NASW PAMPHLET FOR READING NEXT WEEK: "INDICATORS FOR CULTURAL COMPETENCE IN SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE"

JUNE 14-15

- 1. **TOPIC OF CLASSES:** CULTURALLY COMPETENT PRACTICE & THEORIES; PHYSICAL & MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES; CONTEXTUALING NATIONAL, TEXAS AND HOUSTON; CURRENT CENSUS INFORMATION
- 2. BY JUNE 14th, READ AND BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS IN CLASS:
 - a. CONGRESS: CHAPTERS 5
 - b. DELGADO: CHAPTERS 3, 5-7
 - c. NASW PAMPHLET "INDICATORS FOR CULTURAL COMPETENCE IN SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE"
- 3. **SUBMIT ONLINE BEFORE JUNE 14th CLASS:** RESPONSES TO CASE STUDY QUESTIONS **JUNE 14:** CONGRESS CASE STUDIES ON PAGES 124-128

4. JUNE 14 IN-CLASS VIDEO: a. Prof. Stephen Klineberg and the 2010 Houston Area Survey on RED WHITE AND BLUE PBS SHOW (26 MINUTES) http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aJuAXziXv7I b. Prof. Steve Murdock on the TX 2010 Census Numbers (44 MINUTES) http://www.youtube.com/watch?v= BYo N5Dack 5. DAILY DISCUSSIONS ON CURRENT IMMIGRATION NEWS PIECES 6. CLASS DISCUSSION ON CASE STUDIES 7. BY JUNE 15th, READ AND BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS IN CLASS: a. CONGRESS: CHAPTERS 6-7 b. NASW PAMPHLET "INDICATORS FOR CULTURAL" COMPETENCE IN SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE" 8. SUBMIT ONLINE BEFORE JUNE 15th CLASS: RESPONSES TO CASE STUDIES ON PAGES 168-169 (CONGRESS). 9. DAILY DISCUSSIONS ON CURRENT IMMIGRATION NEWS PIECES 10. CLASS DISCUSSION ON CASE STUDIES JUNE16 NO CLASS: STUDENTS USE TIME TO RESEARCH FOR FINAL PAPER JUNE 21-23 1. TOPIC OF CLASSES: IMMIGRANTS & EMPLOYMENT; IMMIGRANT CHILDREN & EDUCATION; WOMAN, GENDER BASED VIOLENCE & **IMMIGRATION** 2. BY JUNE 21st, READ AND BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS a. CONGRESS: CHAPTERS 8 3. **BEGINNING OF CLASS:** SUBMIT RESPONSES TO CASE STUDY QUESTIONS (PAGES 194-196) & TAKE QUIZ ON PAGE 196 (CONGRESS) 4. CLASS DISCUSSION OF CASE STUDIES.

	5. BY JUNE 22 st , READ AND BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS
	a. CONGRESS: CHAPTERS 9
	6. BEGINNING OF CLASS : SUBMIT RESPONSES TO CASE STUDY QUESTIONS PAGES 230-232 (CONGRESS)
	7. CLASS DISCUSSION OF CASE STUDIES.
	8. BY JUNE 23 st , READ AND BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS
	a. CONGRESS: CHAPTERS 10
	b. DELGADO: CHAPTERS 8 & 9
	9. ADDITIONAL TOPIC OF CLASS: CULTURAL ASSETS PARADIGM
	10. BEGINNING OF CLASS: SUBMIT RESPONSES TO CASE STUDY QUESTIONS PAGES 248-251 (CONGRESS)
	11. CLASS DISCUSSION OF CASE STUDIES.
JUNE 28	 TOPICS OF CLASS: LBGT ISSUES & OLDER ADULT IMMIGRANTS BY JUNE 28th, READ AND BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS: a. CONGRESS CHAPTERS 11-12 BEGINNING OF CLASS: SUBMIT RESPONSES TO CASE STUDY QUESTIONS ON PAGES 270-273 and QUESTIONS ON PAGES 299-302 DISCUSSION OF CASE STUDIES DAILY DISCUSSIONS ON CURRENT IMMIGRATION NEWS PIECES
JUNE 29	1. TOPICS OF CLASS: IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS & IMMIGRANT ADVOCACY
	 2. BY JUNE 29th, READ AND BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS: a. CONGRESS CHAPTERS 13-14, EPILOGUE 3. BEGINNING OF CLASS: SUBMIT RESPONSES TO CASE STUDY QUESTIONS ON PAGES 357-359 (CONGRESS) 4. DAILY DISCUSSIONS ON CURRENT IMMIGRATION NEWS PIECES 5. DISCUSSION OF CASE STUDIES 6. IN CLASS TIME FOR GROUP PRESENTATION COORDINATION/PLANNING
JUNE 30	PROFESSOR PRESENTS ON IMPORTANT FEDERAL COURT RULINGS (FOCUSING MAINLY ON U.S. SUPREME COURT (DECISIONS) IMPACTING IMMIGRANTS (20 MINUTES) 2. GROUP FINAL PAPERS DUE

3. GROUP POWER POINT PRESENTATIONS (20-25 MINUTES	
LEAVING TIME FOR CLASS QUESTIONS)	