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SOCIOLOGY 211 ENRICHMENT SESSIONS

Enrichment sessions are intended to expand understanding of the issues, methods, and results found in modern sociology. All the enrichment sessions are strictly voluntary. Material from them will not be included on any examination. Some of the topics dealt with in the enrichment sessions will be controversial and we hope provocative. Students who attend three or more enrichment sessions will automatically have their grade raised by half a level (e.g. from a B to a B+).

Enrichment sessions will be held on the Monday evenings listed below from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM. They will take place in Ramaley Biology C250, but we will sometimes make use of other rooms as well. Also available for the Sociology 211 enrichment sessions are Biopsychology rooms E118, E123, and E126. No single enrichment session can include more than 225 students since this is the seating capacity of Ramaley C250. Due to the nature of the exercises involved, some of the enrichment sessions will have considerably lower participation limits.

ENRICHMENT SCHEDULE

1. Monday Sept. 21: Games and Social Interaction.

Brief review of the concepts of game theory followed by a number of exercises aimed at showing students how simple games can be used to study the process of social interaction. This session should be fun and informative.

2. Monday Sept. 28: Women in China.

A analysis of how a different culture operates focusing upon the life of women in China. The award winning film Small Happiness: Women of a Chinese Village will be shown. People with first hand experience will be on hand to discuss how Chinese culture organizes the lives of Chinese women.

3. Monday October 19: Social Class in American Society.

The film The Grapes of Wrath based upon John Steinbeck's famous novel of the same name will be shown. This is a classic film (made in 1940) depicting the lives of poor migrant workers during the Great Depression of the 1930's. We will discuss the meaning of the film and its relevance for contemporary American society.

4. Monday November 2: Modern Racial Oppression

An exercise pertaining to racial discrimination will be followed by the film Witness to Apartheid dealing with the practice of racial segregation in South Africa. This will be followed by a discussion of the film and an effort to compare race relations in South Africa and the United States.

5. Monday November 16: Violent Sexual Relations

A presentation by the Rape Crisis Team of the Boulder County Mental Health Center, focusing on how and why rapes occur and what can be done about them. The presentation includes a video on the experience of being raped made in Boulder.

6. Monday November 23: Problem Solving in Organizations

An intriguing simulation of how organizations solve problems conducted by Bernie Mayer of the Center for Dispute Resolution. Due to the nature of the simulation, participation in this enrichment session will be limited.

7. Monday November 30: Dealing with the Possibility of Nuclear War

A workshop addressing the specter of nuclear war that modern men and women must live. The workshop is organized and conducted by Keith Shcolnik and Lynne Wukitsch.

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