SOCI 433

Issues in Demography and Families

Subtitle: Continuity and Innovation: Canadian Families in the New Millennium

Course Description and Objectives

The aim of this interactive seminar is to explore continuity and innovation in the family and family relationships. We will begin by reviewing key changes in Canadian families over time. We will then introduce “continuity” alongside “innovation” as the two guiding themes for the seminar, outlining how we see the social construction of meanings about family and the practices and processes of family life both as consistent over time and as offering opportunities for innovation. Throughout the course, we will discuss how these two sometimes contradictory themes are represented simultaneously in families in theories of late modernity and in practice.

Course Pre/Co-requisites: Minimum third-year standing; and declared Honours or Major in Sociology; or permission of the Department.

Recommended: SOCI 205, and SOCI 305B or SOCI 343 recommended prior to SOCI 433

Required Textbook and Readings

This course does not have a required textbook; instead, students will be assigned a number of required readings each week. The readings are TBA.

* A more detailed course outline will be distributed to students before the first week of classes.