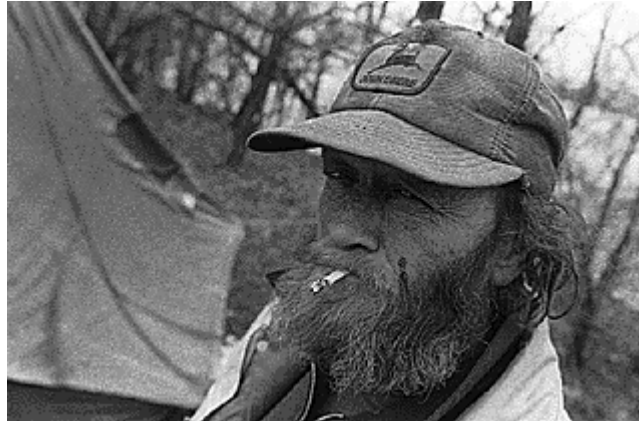


FYS 198-2: Tryin' to find a way back Home:

An Introduction to the Literature and Legacy of Homelessness in America



Course Schedule

First Week

Course Introduction:

The Origins of the Contemporary Homelessness Crisis in America

Assignments:

Glasser & Hirsch, "Understanding Homelessness: From Memoir to Pathways Home"

Kusmer, *Down & Out, on the Road*

Second Week

Topics:

The Dustbowl, the Great Depression, and the Birth of the Modern American Concept of Homelessness

Assignments:

Fee, "Yes, Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S."

Steinbeck, *The Grapes of Wrath*

MOVIE ONE

Third Week

Topic:

The Hobo as an American Icon

Assignment:

Kennedy, *Ironweed*

Fourth Week

Topic:

Iconoclasm: The Faces of American Homeless Women Today

Assignment:

Liebow, *Tell Them Who I Am*

MOVIE TWO

Fifth Week

Topic:

Prepare for Reading Days Service-Learning Trip

Assignments:

Fee, "These Kids Today"

Hilfiker, *Not All of Us Are Saints*

ORGANIZATION PAPER DUE AT THE START OF CLASS ON FRIDAY OF WEEK FIVE

Sixth Week

Topic:

Prepare for Reading Days Service-Learning Trip

Assignment:

Egger, *Begging for Change*

READING DAYS (FRIDAY-TUESDAY): SERVICE-LEARNING TRIP

Seventh Week

Topic:

The Plight of the Precariously Housed

Assignment:

Desmond, *Evicted*

ORGANIZATION PRESENTATIONS DURING WEEK SEVEN

MOVIE THREE

Eighth Week

Topic:

Mental Illness and Homelessness

Assignment:

Faller, *Who Qualifies for Rights?*

MIDTERM EXAM ON FRIDAY OF WEEK EIGHT

Ninth Week

Topic:

Home is where the Heart is: Keeping a Family Together on the Streets in the '80s

Assignment:

Kozol, *Rachel and Her Children*

MOVIE REVIEW ONE DUE AT THE START OF CLASS ON FRIDAY OF WEEK NINE

MOVIE FOUR

Tenth Week

Topic:

Home is where the Heart is: Families in the Shelter Today

Assignments:

Fee, "A Lost Generation"

Nunez & Sugie, *Beyond the Shelter Wall*

SERVICE PAPER DUE AT THE START OF CLASS ON FRIDAY OF WEEK TEN

Eleventh Week

Topic:

Addiction, Homelessness, and Voices from the Urban Wilderness

Assignments:

Flynn, *Another Bullshit Night in Suck City*

Stringer, *Grand Central Winter*

SERVICE PRESENTATIONS DURING WEEK ELEVEN

MOVIE FIVE

Twelfth Week

Topic:

Homelessness Veterans & Their Families

Assignments:

Fee, "A Dereliction of Duty: Homeless Veterans in America"

Fee and Stewart, "Too Many Veterans with Children are Still Homeless"

Fee and Stewart, "Housing Our Homeless Vets is a Duty We'll Always Owe"

Thirteenth Week

Topic:

The Working Poor in America Today

Assignment:

Ehrenreich, *Nickel and Dimed*

MOVIE SIX

Fourteenth Week

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS DURING WEEK FOURTEEN

Assignment:

Fee, "Our National Shame"

Review for Final Exam

MOVIE REVIEW TWO DUE AT THE START OF CLASS ON FRIDAY OF WEEK FOURTEEN

Finals Week

RESEARCH PAPER DUE DURING FINALS WEEK

CHECK FINALS SCHEDULE FOR DATE OF FINAL EXAM