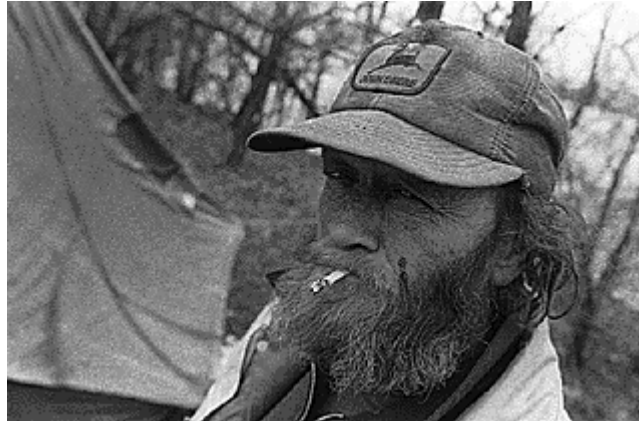


**FYS 198-2: Tryin' to find a way back Home:**

**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

Assignment:

Rossi, Peter. *Down and Out in America: The Origins of Homelessness*

**Second Week**

Topics:

The Dustbowl, the Great Depression, and the birth of the modern American concept of Homelessness

Assignment:

Steinbeck, John. *The Grapes of Wrath*

MOVIE ONE

**Third Week**

Topic:

The Hobo as an American Icon

Assignment:

Kennedy, William. *Ironweed*

#### **Fourth Week**

Topic:

Iconoclasm: The Faces of American Homeless Women Today

Assignment:

Liebow, Elliot. *Tell Them Who I Am: The Lives of Homeless Women*

MOVIE TWO

#### **Fifth Week**

Topic:

Prepare for Reading Days Service-Learning Trip

Assignment:

Hilfiker, David. *Not All of Us Are Saints: A Doctor's Journey With the Poor*

**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, Robert. *Begging for Change*.

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

#### **Seventh Week**

Review for midterm exam

**ORGANIZATION PRESENTATIONS DURING WEEK SEVEN**

MOVIE THREE

**Eighth Week**

Topic:

Mental Illness and Homelessness

Assignment:

Faller, Judith Lynn. *Who Qualifies for Rights: Homelessness, Mental Illness, and Civil Commitment*

**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, Jonathan. *Rachel and Her Children: Homeless Families in America*

**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: keeping a family together in the shelter today

Assignment:

Nunez, Ralph daCosta with Naomi Sugie. *Beyond the Shelter Wall: Homeless Families Speak Out*

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

**Eleventh Week**

Topic:

Addiction, homelessness, and a voice from the urban wilderness

Assignment:

Stringer, Lee. *Grand Central Winter: Stories from the Street*

### **SERVICE PRESENTATIONS DURING WEEK ELEVEN**

MOVIE FIVE

### **Twelfth Week**

Topic:

Welfare Reform and homelessness

Assignment:

Hays, Sharon. *Flat Broke With Children: Women in the Age of Welfare Reform*

### **Thirteenth Week**

Topic:

The working poor in America today

Assignment:

Ehrenreich, Barbara. *Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America*

MOVIE SIX

### **Fourteenth Week**

### **RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS DURING WEEK FOURTEEN**

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**