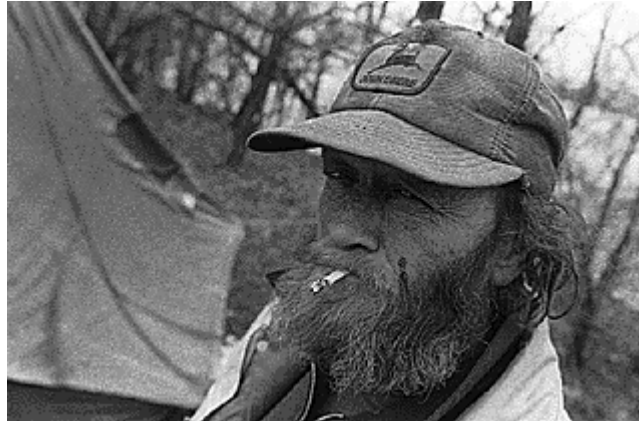


**FYS 198-2: Tryin' to find a way back Home:**

**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**

Review for Midterm Exam

**ORGANIZATION PRESENTATIONS DURING WEEK SEVEN**

MOVIE THREE

**Eighth Week**

Topic:

Mental Illness and Homelessness

Assignment:

*Failer, 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"

**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**