

HDF 211-02: Lifespan Development in the Human Environment Calendar, Fall 2008

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Date	Topics	Assignments
August 26	Introduction to the class and to Blackboard	No readings
August 28	Introduction to the "Up" series	No readings
September 2-4	The Study of Development	Werner & Smith, pp. 1-37 Note that the book is not available electronically (you'll need to have a copy).
September 9-11	Bronfenbrenner's Ecological Systems Theory 1st test, September 11 (at end of class)	Bronfenbrenner, U. "Ecological Models of Human Development" (Readings) Available on Blackboard
September 16-18	The Theory of Lev Vygotsky	Werner & Smith, pp. 38-55 Bjorklund, D. "Social Construction of Mind" Available on Blackboard
September 23-25	The Theory of Erik Erikson	Crain, W. "Erikson and the Eight Stages of Life" Available on Blackboard
Sept. 30 to Oct. 2	Vulnerability and Resilience 2nd test October 2, at end of class	Werner & Smith, pp. 56-79
October 7-9	The Impact of School Entry, Labeling, and Tracking (within schools and across schools) 1st paper due by 5 p.m., Thursday, October 9 (on line)	Broussard "Tracking" Kozol, "Still separate, still unequal" Both available on Blackboard
October 14-16	October 14 –review for 1 st Exam (post questions by 5 pm October 13, or bring questions to class) October 16: 1st Exam. Please note: No-one will be allowed into the exam once the first people have finished the exam and left.	

October 21	Fall Break	
October 23	More from the "Up" series	
October 28-30	The Impact of Divorce and Other Stressors on Children and Adolescents	Cherlin A., et al., "Longitudinal Studies of Effects of Divorce..." Cosby, Worden, & Kee, "Understanding Correlations" (Both available on Blackboard)
November 4-6	Teenage Parenthood	Werner & Smith, pp. 80-101
November 11-13	Other Problems of Youth 3rd test, at end of class, November 13	Werner & Smith, pp. 102-131
November 18-20	History: The Impact of War and Economic Ruin	Caspi, Elder, & Bem "Moving Against the World" (Blackboard) Cosby, Worden, & Kee, "Understanding <i>t</i> -tests and <i>F</i> -tests" (Blackboard)
November 25	Aging and Inequality: Gender 4th in-class test (at end of class), Nov. 29 2nd paper due by 5 p.m. November 29	Elder & Liker, "Hard Times in Women's Lives" (Available on Blackboard)
November 27	Thanksgiving	

December 2	Review for 2 nd exam and Final (post questions by 5 pm December 1, or bring to class)	
December 4	2nd Exam. Please note: No-one will be allowed into the exam once the first people have finished the exam and left. 3rd paper due, 5 pm, December 3	
December 11	Final Exam...begins promptly at 12 noon. (Please note: No-one will be allowed into the exam once the first people have finished the exam and left.)	