

***DIVORCE, CHILDREN, AND ADOLESCENTS
GRADUATE SEMINAR
FSHD 607 η FALL 2004
University of Arizona
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Fridays 10:00 A.M. - 12:50 P.M., FCS 104***

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The seminar offers students an opportunity to take an in-depth and critical look at the issue of children/ adolescents and divorce. Via an intensive reading list and in-class discussions/activities, we will consider the extant research literature, current debates and controversies, developmental themes and conceptual frameworks, legal issues, as well as the challenges associated with research design and interpretation in this domain. We will examine numerous topics over the course of the semester including the potential impact of divorce on children/adolescents from an immediate, short-term, and long-term perspective; alternative explanations for differences between youngsters whose parents have divorced and those whose parents have remained married; possible mechanisms that help explain the link between parental divorce and youngsters' adjustment difficulties (e.g., interparental conflict); postdivorce custody, living arrangements, and child support; legal alternatives (e.g., mediation); postdivorce transitions including parental dating and repartnering; stepfamily dynamics, stepparents, and youngsters' well-being; and research-based postdivorce family interventions. Guest speakers will share their expertise and facilitate discussion on legal and intervention themes. Student-facilitated sessions, writing assignments, and family courtroom observation will enhance the learning experience.

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READINGS

The weekly required readings listed below are indicated with an asterisk (*). As you will see, this seminar is reading intensive. To facilitate learning and in-class discussions, you are all required to read the articles/ chapters very carefully and take notes from a summary and critical perspective (e.g., compare/contrast). In addition to the required readings are supplemental readings (non-asterisked). The student or students who are class facilitators for

that week will each read 2 or 3 of the supplemental readings and incorporate key ideas from those readings into the class session (see Requirements below). Of course, these supplemental readings are recommended for any of you wanting further information and insight for that week's topic.

REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION

Course grades will be based on (a) facilitation of two class sessions, (b) integrative/critical write-ups of those two weeks of readings, (c) in-class participation, and (d) a courtroom observation assignment.

- (a) Each of you will assist in facilitating two (2) class sessions either alone or with another classmate (depending on the week). For those weeks, prepare well, be analytical and creative (I will be happy to assist you). In preparation for class facilitation, you will have read the required readings as well as 2 or 3 of the supplemental readings (depending on the week) and incorporate key ideas from all those readings into the class session (e.g., via discussion, activities, presentation). As class facilitator, you will also be responsible for circulating discussion questions (via email) by the preceding Tuesday at noon.
[30% of grade]
- (b) For each of your two facilitation weeks, you will write an integrative/critical summary (based on the required and selected supplemental readings) in which you review key issues, highlight selected themes, compare/contrast, where appropriate link theory/conceptual framework to the topic (e.g., human development theory, family/interpersonal theory, mid-range theory), present directions for future research (those noted by the authors and/or ones you come up with), and provide two or three "take-home" messages. These summaries will typically be due two weeks after the corresponding class facilitation (unless otherwise arranged) and should be copied and distributed to your classmates.
[30% of grade]
- (c) Everyone is expected to contribute actively and with insight to class discussions and activities. Your careful reading and notetaking (see Readings above) will serve as preparation for class participation. Active participation will enhance your learning experience.
[30% of grade]
- (d) For the courtroom observation assignment each of you will sit in on a divorce-related hearing at the Pima County Superior Courthouse and write up a description of what you observe. I will assist you in scheduling an observation time. The assignment is due on October 29 (when the presiding judge on the Pima County family bench will visit our class). You will need to include the following information in the written portion of the assignment:
- Identify the type of case (e.g., custody, child-support)

- Indicate the ages of the children (and any other child-related information)
- Describe the case/hearing briefly (e.g., date, beginning/ending time of hearing; who wants what? what was the judgment? did the judge indicate any reasons for his/her judgment? if so, what were they? what was the judge's behavior/style? what were your reactions/feelings/opinions?)
- Present one or two research questions that could potentially be answered using courtroom observation as a data collection technique.

[10% of grade]

WEEKLY TOPICS AND READINGS

Week 1, August 27

Topics: Introduction to the Course
History and Demographics of Divorce

*Aulette, J. R. (2002). *Changing American families*. Boston: Allyn & Bacon (excerpt: pp. 254-274).

*Emery, R. E. (1999). Some cultural, historical, and demographic perspectives. From *Marriage, divorce, and children's adjustment* (2nd ed.). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

*Emery, R. E. (1999). Overview. From *Marriage, divorce, and children's adjustment* (2nd ed.). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Week 2, September 3

Topics: Patterns of Intimate Relationships and Consequences of Divorce for Adults
Children's Initial Reactions to Parental Separation/Divorce

*Hetherington, E. M. (2003). Intimate pathways: Changing patterns in close personal relationships across time. *Family Relations*, 52, 318-331 (excerpt: pp. 318-325).

*Amato, P. R. (2000). The consequences of divorce for adults and children. *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, 62, 1269-1287 (excerpt: pp. 1269-1277).

*Kelly, J. B., & Emery, R. E. (2003). Children's adjustment following divorce: Risk and resilience perspectives. *Family Relations*, 52, 352-362 (excerpt: p. 353).

*Westberg, H., Nelson, T. S., & Piercy, K. W. (2002). Disclosure of divorce plans to children: What the children have to say. *Contemporary Family Therapy*, 24, 525-542.

- *Weiss, R. S. (1975). The meaning of the separation for the children. From *Marital separation: Coping with the end of marriage and the transition to being single again*. New York: Basic.
- *Wallerstein, J. S., & Kelly, J. B. (1980). The child's experience during the divorcing period. From *Surviving the breakup: How children and parents cope with divorce*. New York: Basic.
- Carrère, S., & Gottman, J. M. (1999). Predicting the future of marriages. In E. M. Hetherington (Ed.), *Coping with divorce, single parenting, and remarriage: A risk and resilience perspective* (pp. 3-22). Mahwah, NJ: Erlbaum.
- Orbuch, T. L., Veroff, J., & Hunter, A. G. (1999). Black couples, white couples: The early years of marriage. In E. M. Hetherington (Ed.), *Coping with divorce, single parenting, and remarriage: A risk and resilience perspective* (pp. 23-43). Mahwah, NJ: Erlbaum.
- Amato, P. R., & Rodgers, S. J. (1997). A longitudinal study of marital problems and subsequent divorce. *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, 59, 612-624.
- Amato, P. R., & Previti, D. (2003). People's reasons for divorcing: Gender, social class, the life course, and adjustment. *Journal of Family Issues*, 24, 602-626.

Week 3, September 10

Topics: Methodological and Conceptual Issues

Short-Term Consequences of Divorce for Children and Adolescents

- *Emery, R. E. (1999). Methodological and conceptual issues. From *Marriage, divorce, and children's adjustment* (2nd ed.). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- *Emery, R. E. (1999). Children's adjustment in divorced and married families. From *Marriage, divorce, and children's adjustment* (2nd ed.). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage (excerpt: pp. 33-48).
- *Barber, B. L., & Eccles, J. S. (1992). Long-term influence of divorce and single parenting on adolescent family- and work-related values, behaviors, and aspirations. *Psychological Bulletin*, 111, 108-126 (excerpt: pp. 108-113).
- *Amato, P. R. (2001). Children of divorce in the 1990s: An update of the Amato and Keith (1991) meta-analysis. *Journal of Family Psychology*, 15, 355-370.
- *Amato, P. R. (1993). Children's adjustment to divorce: Theories, hypotheses, and empirical support. *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, 55, 23-38 (skim).
- *Responses to Amato (1993) – Each of you will read one (to be assigned):

- Kurdek, L. A. (1993). Issues in proposing a general model of the effects of divorce on children. *Journal of Marriage and the Family, 55*, 39-41.
- Demo, D. H. (1993). The relentless search of effects of divorce: Forging new trails of tumbling down the beaten path? *Journal of Marriage and the Family, 55*, 42-45.
- Allen, K. R. (1993). The dispassionate discourse of children's adjustment to divorce. *Journal of Marriage and the Family, 55*, 46-50.

*Amato's reply (everyone):

Amato, P. R. (1993). Family structure, family process, and family ideology. *Journal of Marriage and the Family, 55*, 50-54.

Amato, P. R., & Keith, B. (1991). Parental divorce and the well-being of children: A meta-analysis. *Psychological Bulletin, 110*, 26-46.

Week 4, September 17

**Topics: Predivorce Functioning: The Value of Prospective Studies
Mediating (or Third Variable) Factors I: Role of Interparental Conflict**

- *Cherlin, A. J. (1999). Going to extremes: Family structure, children's well-being, and social science. *Demography, 36*, 421-428.
- *Block, J. H., Block, J., & Gjerde, P. (1986). The personality of children prior to divorce: A prospective study. *Child Development, 57*, 827-840.
- *Kelly, J. B., & Emery, R. E. (2003). Children's adjustment following divorce: Risk and resilience perspectives. *Family Relations, 52*, 352-362 (excerpt: p. 353).
- *Hetherington, E. M. (1999). Should we stay together for the sake of the children? In E. M. Hetherington (Ed.), *Coping with divorce, single parenting, and remarriage: A risk and resilience perspective* (pp. 93-116). Mahwah, NJ: Erlbaum (excerpt: pp. 93-104).
- *Buchanan, C. M., Maccoby, E. E., & Dornbusch, S. M. (1991). Caught between parents: Adolescents' experience in divorced homes. *Child Development, 62*, 1008-1029.
- *Fincham, F. D., Grych, J. H., & Osborne, L. N. (1994). Does marital conflict cause child maladjustment? Directions and challenges for longitudinal research. *Journal of Family Psychology, 8*, 128-140 (excerpt: pp. 128-136).
- *Davies, P. T., & Cummings, E. M. (1994). Marital conflict and child adjustment: An emotional security hypothesis. *Psychological Bulletin, 116*, 387-411 (excerpt: pp. 387-402).
- Grych, J. H., & Fincham, F. D. (1990). Marital conflict and children's adjustment: A cognitive-contextual framework. *Psychological Bulletin, 108*, 267-290.

Amato, P. R., & Booth, A. (1996). A prospective study of divorce and parent-child relationships. *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, 58, 356-365.

Emery, R. E., Waldron, M., Kitzmann, K. M., & Aaron, J. (1999). Delinquent behavior, future divorce or nonmarital childbearing, and externalizing behavior among offspring: A 14-year prospective study. *Journal of Family Psychology*, 13, 568-579.

Buehler, C., & Trotter, B. B. (1995). Nonresidential parents' perceptions of the former spouse relationship and children's social competence following marital separation: Theory and programmed intervention. *Family Relations*, 39, 395-404.

Turner, C. M., & Barrett, P. M. (1998). Adolescent adjustment to perceived marital conflict [cognitive-emotional framework]. *Journal of Child and Family Studies*, 7, 499-513.

Emery, R. E. (1982). Interparental conflict and the children of discord and divorce. *Psychological Bulletin*, 92, 310-330.

Week 5, September 24

Topics: *Mediating Factors II: Postdivorce Parenting and Parents*

*Kelly, J. B., & Emery, R. E. (2003). Children's adjustment following divorce: Risk and resilience perspectives. *Family Relations*, 52, 352-362 (excerpt: pp. 354-358).

*Hetherington, E. M., & Stanley-Hagan, M. (1995). Parenting in divorced and remarried families. In M. H. Bornstein (Ed.), *Handbook of parenting: Volume 3, Status and social conditions of parenting* (pp. 233-254). Mahwah, NJ: Erlbaum (excerpt: pp. 233-241).

*Emery, R. E. & Dillon, P. (1994). Conceptualizing the divorce process: Renegotiating boundaries of intimacy and power in the divorced family system. *Family Relations*, 43, 374-379.

*Maccoby, E. E. (1992). Commentary - Family structure and children's adjustment: Is quality of parenting the major mediator? From E. M. Hetherington, W. G. Clingempeel, et al. *Coping with marital transitions: A family systems perspective. Monographs of the Society for Research in Child Development*, 57, (pp. 230-238).

*Maccoby, E. E., Depner, C. E., & Moonkin, R. H. (1990). Coparenting in the second year after divorce. *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, 58, 356-365.

*Amato, P. R., & Gilbreth, J. G. (1999). Nonresident fathers and children's well-being: A meta-analysis. *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, 61, 557-573.

- Madden-Derdich, D. A., & Leonard, S. A. (2000). Parental role identity and fathers' involvement in coparental interaction after divorce: Fathers' perspectives. *Family Relations, 49*, 311-318.
- Ihinger-Tallman, M., Pasley, K., & Buehler, C. (1993). Developing a middle-range theory of father involvement postdivorce. *Journal of Family Issues, 14*, 550-571.
- Arditti, J. A., & Madden-Derdich, D. A. (1993). Noncustodial mothers: Developing strategies of support. *Family Relations, 42*, 305-314.
- Ahrons, C. R. (1981). The continuing coparental relationship between divorced spouses. *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry, 5*, 415-428 (focus: scale).
- Del Carmen, R., & Virgo, G. N. (1993). Martial disruption and nonresidential parenting: A multicultural perspective. In C. E. Depner & J. H. Bray (Eds.). *Nonresidential parenting: New vistas in family living* (pp. 13-36). Newbury Park, CA: Sage.
- Capaldi, D. M., & Patterson, G. R. (1991). Relation of parental transitions to boys adjustment problems. I. A linear hypothesis. II. Mothers at risk for transitions and unskilled parenting. *Developmental Psychology, 27*, 489-504 (focus: part II).
- Braver, S. L., Wolchik, S. A., Sandler, I. N., Sheets, V. L., Fogas, B., Bay, R. C. (1993). A longitudinal study of noncustodial parents: Parents without children. *Journal of Family Psychology, 7*, 9-23.
- Dudley, J. R. (1991). Increasing our understanding of divorced fathers who have infrequent contact with their children. *Family Relations, 40*, 279-285.
- Depner, C. E. (1993). Parental role reversal: Mothers as nonresidential parents. In C. E. Depner & J. H. Bray (Eds.). *Nonresidential parenting: New vistas in family living* (pp. 37-57). Newbury Park, CA: Sage.
- Kurtz, L. (1995). The relationship between parental coping strategies and children's adaptive processes in divorced and intact families. *Journal of Divorce and Remarriage, 24*, 89-110.

Week 6, October 1

Topics: Structural Family Systems Theory: Boundaries, Parentification, and Alignments

- *Koerner, S. S., Jacobs, S. L., & Raymond, M. (2000). When mothers turn to their adolescent daughters: Predicting daughters' vulnerability to negative adjustment outcomes. *Family Relations, 49*, 301-309.

- *Koerner, S. S., Wallace, S., Lehman, S. J., Lee, S., & Escalante, K. A. (2004). Sensitive mother-to-adolescent disclosures after divorce: Is the experience of sons different from that of daughter? *Journal of Family Psychology, 18*, 46-57.
- *Hetherington, E. M. (1999). Should we stay together for the sake of the children? In E. M. Hetherington (Ed.), *Coping with divorce, single parenting, and remarriage: A risk and resilience perspective* (pp. 93-116). Mahwah, NJ: Erlbaum (excerpt: pp. 109-116).
- *Jurkovic, G. J., Thirkield, A., & Morrell, R. (2001). Parentification of adult children of divorce: A multidimensional analysis. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence, 30*, 245-257.
- *Johnston, J. (1990). Role diffusion and role reversal: Structural variations in divorced families and children's functioning. *Family Relations, 39*, 405-413.
- +Kelly, J. B., & Johnston, J. R. (2001). The alienated child: A reformulation of the parental alienation syndrome. *Family and Conciliation Courts Review, 39*, 249-266.
- Arditti, J. A. (1999). Rethinking relationships between divorced mothers and their children: Capitalizing on family strengths. *Family Relations, 48*, 109-119.
- Koerner, S. S., Wallace, S., Lehman, S. J., & Raymond, M. (2002). Mother-to-daughter disclosure after divorce: Are there costs and benefits? *Journal of Child and Family Studies, 11*, 469-483.
- Emery, R. E. (1994). Renegotiating relationships II: Children in the divorced family system. From *Renegotiating family relationships: Divorce, child custody, and mediation*. New York: Guilford.

Week 7, October 8

Topics: *Long-Term Effects of Divorce on Young Adults: Debating the "Legacy" of Divorce*

- *Kelly, J. B., & Emery, R. E. (2003). Children's adjustment following divorce: Risk and resilience perspectives. *Family Relations, 52*, 352-362 (excerpt: p. 356 box; pp. 358-360 top).
- *Emery, R. E. (1999). Children's adjustment in divorced and married families. From *Marriage, divorce, and children's adjustment* (2nd ed.). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage (excerpt: pp. 48-53).
- *Amato, P. R. (1999). Children of divorced parents as young adults. In E. M. Hetherington (Ed.), *Coping with divorce, single parenting, and remarriage: A risk and resilience perspective* (pp. 147-163). Mahwah, NJ: Erlbaum (excerpt: pp. 93-104).

- *Hetherington, E. M. (2003). Intimate pathways: Changing patterns in close personal relationships across time. *Family Relations*, 52, 318-331(excerpt: pp. 325-331).
- *Laumann-Billings, L., & Emery, R. E. (2000). Distress among young adults from divorced families. *Journal of Family Psychology*, 14, 671-687.
- *Booth, A., & Amato, P. R., (2001). Parental predivorce relations and offspring postdivorce well-being. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 63, 197-212 (Read pp. 197-207; 210-212; skim 207-210).
- *Amato, P. R. (2003). Reconciling divergent perspectives: Judith Wallerstein, quantitative family research, and children of divorce. *Family Relations*, 52, 332-339.
- +Furstenberg, F. F., & Kiernan, K. E. (2001). Delayed parental divorce: How much do children benefit? *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 63, 446-457.
- Ellis, B. J., Bates, J. E., Dodge, K. A. et al. (2003). Does father absence place daughters at special risk for early sexual activity and teenage pregnancy? *Child Development*, 74, 801-821 (focus: pp. 801-806; Figure 1; pp. 815-821).
- McGue, M., & Lykken, D. T. (1992). Genetic Influence on risk of divorce. *Psychological Science*, 3, 368-373.
- Amato, P. R. (1996). Explaining the intergenerational transmission of divorce. *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, 58, 628-640.
- Ahrons, C. R., & Tanner, J. L. (2003). Adult children and their fathers: Relationship changes 20 years after parental divorce. *Family Relations*, 52, 340-351.
- Jacquet, S. E., & Surra, C. A. (2001). Parental divorce and premarital couples: Commitment and other relationship characteristics. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 63, 627-638.
- Mahl, D. (2001). The influence of parental divorce on the romantic relationship beliefs of young adults. *Journal of Divorce and Remarriage*, 34, 89-118.
- Shulman, S., Scharf, M., Lumer, D., & Mauer, O. (2001). Parental divorce and young adult children's romantic relationships: Resolution of the divorce experience. *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*, 71, 473-478.
- Doucet, J., & Aseltine, R. H. (2003). Childhood family adversity and the quality of marital relationships in adulthood. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, 20, 818-842.

Week 8, October 15

Topics: Legal Issues I: Overview, Custody, and Living Arrangements
Listening to Children

- *Emery, R. E. (1999). Legal intervention: Laws, policies, and new directions. From *Marriage, divorce, and children's adjustment* (2nd ed.). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage (excerpt: pp.103-123).
- *Kelly, J. B. (1994). The determination of child custody. *Future of Children: Children and Divorce, 4*, 121-142 (excerpt: pp. 121-133).
- *Thompson, R. A. (1994). The role of the father after divorce. *Future of Children: Children and Divorce, 4*, 210-235 (excerpt: pp. 210-224).
- *Bauserman, R. (2002). Child adjustment in joint-custody versus sole-custody arrangements: A meta-analytic review. *Journal of Family Psychology, 16*, 91-102.
- *Warshak, R. A. (2003). Payoffs and pitfalls of listening to children. *Family Relations, 52*, 373-384.
- *Kelly, J. B., & Lamb, M. E. (2000). Using child development research to make appropriate custody and access decisions for young children. *Family and Conciliation Courts Review, 38*, 297-311.
- *Kelly, J. B., & Lamb, M. E. (2003). Developmental issues in relocation cases involving young children: When, whether, and how? *Journal of Family Psychology, 17*, 193-205 (excerpt: pp. 196-205).
- Johnston, J. R. (1993). Children who refuse visitation. In C. E. Depner & J. H. Bray (Eds.), *Nonresidential parenting: New vistas in family living* (pp. 109-135). Newbury Park, CA: Sage.
- Stolberg, A. L., Volenik, A., Henderson, S. H. et al. (2002). Denied visitation, its impact on children's psychological adjustment, and a nationwide review of state code. *Journal of Divorce and Remarriage, 36*, 1-19.
- Steinman, S. (1981). The experience of children in a joint-custody arrangement: A report of a study. *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry, 5*, 403-414.
- Buchanan, C. M., Maccoby, E. E., & Dornbusch, S. M. (1992). Adolescents and their families after divorce: Three residential arrangements compared. *Journal of Research on Adolescence, 2*, 261-291.
- Ferreiro, B. W. (1990). Presumption of joint custody: A family policy dilemma. *Family Relations, 39*, 420-426.

Week 9, October 22

Topics: Legal Issues II: Mediation, Litigation, and Other Court-Based Options

Guest: Grace Hawkins, Pima County Court System

*Emery, R. E. (1999). Legal intervention: Laws, policies, and new directions. From *Marriage, divorce, and children's adjustment* (2nd ed.). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage (excerpt: pp.123-131).

*Emery, R. E. (1995). Divorce mediation: Negotiating agreements and renegotiating relationships. *Family Relations*, 44, 377-383.

*Emery, R. E., Laumann-Billings, L., Waldron, M. C., Sbarra, D. A., & Dillon, P. (2001). Child custody mediation and litigation: Custody, contact, and coparenting 12 years after initial dispute resolution. *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology*, 69, 323-332.

*Kelly, J. B. (1994). The determination of child custody. *Future of Children: Children and Divorce*, 4, 121-142 (excerpt: pp. 133-142).

*Johnston, J. R. (1994). High-conflict divorce. *Future of Children: Children and Divorce*, 4, 165-182 (skim, with special focus on high-conflict divorce and implications, pp. 169 on).

Emery, R. E. (1994). Custody dispute resolution procedures in theory and practice. From *Renegotiating family relationships: Divorce, child custody, and mediation*. New York: Guilford.

Bay, R. C., & Braver, S. L. (1990). Perceived control of the divorce settlement process and interparental conflict. *Family Relations*, 39, 382-387.

Buehler, C., & Gerard, J. M. (1995). Divorce law in the United States: A focus on child custody. *Family Relations*, 44, 439-458 (includes appendix).

Week 10, October 29

Topics: Legal Issues III: Judicial Decisions and Custody; Child Support

*Assignment Due: *Courtroom Observation*

Guest: Jan Kearney, Presiding Family Court Judge, Pima County

*Thompson, R. A. (1994). The role of the father after divorce. *Future of Children: Children and Divorce*, 4, 210-235 (excerpt: pp. 224 - 235).

*Lin, I. (2000). Perceived fairness and compliance with child support obligations. *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, 62, 388-398.

*Christensen, D. H., Dahl, C. M., & Rettig, K. D. (1990). Noncustodial mothers and child support: Examining the larger context. *Family Relations*, 39, 388-394.

*Meyer, D., & Garasky, S. (1993). Custodial fathers: Myths, realities, and child support policy. *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, 55, 73-89.

Magistad, B. M., & Rettig, K. D. (1999). Supporting children after divorce: An interpretation of power and control dynamics in obligor/obligee interactions. *Journal of Divorce and Remarriage*, 30, 85-102.

Mandell, D. (1999). Fathers who don't pay child support: Hearing their voices. *Journal of Divorce and Remarriage*, 23, 85-116.

Manning, W. D., Stewart, S. D., & Smock, P. J. (2003). The complexity of fathers' parenting responsibilities and involvement with nonresident children. *Journal of Family Issues*, 24, 645-667.

Stamps, L. E., Kunen, S., & Rock-Faucheux, A. (1997). Judges' beliefs dealing with child custody decisions. *Journal of Divorce and Remarriage*, 28, 3-16.

Sorensen, E., Goldman, J., Sheeber, L. et al. (1997). Judges' reliance on psychological, sociological, and legal variables in contested custody decisions. *Journal of Divorce and Remarriage*, 27, 1-24.

Wallace, S. R., & Koerner, S. S. (2003). Influence of child and family factors on judicial decisions in contested custody cases. *Family Relations*, 52, 180-188.

Week 11, November 5

No Class: Catch Up on Readings or Take a Break!

Week 12, November 12

**Topics: Post-Divorce Parental Dating/Repartnering
Research and Clinical Perspectives on Stepfamilies**

*Anderson, E. R., & Greene, S. M. (2004). *Parental repartnering after divorce: A conceptual framework*. Manuscript submitted for publication.

*Montgomery, M. J., Anderson, E. R., Hetherington, E. M., & Cligempeel, W. G. (1992). Patterns of courtship for remarriage: Implications for child adjustment and parent-child relationships. *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, 54, 686-698.

- *Koerner, S. S., Rankin, L. A., Kenyon, D. B., & Korn, M. (2004). Mothers re-partnering after divorce: Diverging perceptions of mothers and adolescents. *Journal of Divorce and Remarriage*, 42, 25-38.
- *Ganong, L. H., & Coleman, M. (2004). Studying stepfamilies. From *Stepfamily relationships: Development, dynamics, and interventions*. New York: Kluwer Academic/Plenum.
- *Ganong, L. H., & Coleman, M. (2004). The cultural context of stepfamilies. From *Stepfamily relationships: Development, dynamics, and interventions*. New York: Kluwer Academic/Plenum.
- *Hetherington, E. M., & Stanley-Hagan, M. (2000). Diversity among stepfamilies. In D. H. Demo, K. R. Allen, & M. A. Fine (Eds.). *Handbook of family diversity* (pp. 173-196). New York: Oxford University Press (excerpt: pp. 173-180).
- *Ganong, L. H., & Coleman, M. (2004). Clinical perspectives on stepfamily dynamics. From *Stepfamily relationships: Development, dynamics, and interventions*. New York: Kluwer Academic/Plenum (excerpt: pp. 189-207).
- Anderson, E. R., Greene, S. M., Walker, L., Malerba, C. A., Forgatch, M. S., & DeGarmo, D. S. (2004). Ready to take a chance again: Transitions into dating among divorcing parents. *Journal of Divorce and Remarriage*, 40, 61-75.
- Sumner, W. C. (1997). The effects of parental dating on latency children living with one custodial parent. *Journal of Divorce and Remarriage*, 27, 137-157.
- Ferguson, S. M., & Dickson, F. C. (1995). Children's expectations of their single parents' dating behaviors: A preliminary investigation of emergent themes relevant to single parent dating. *Journal of Applied Communication Research*, 23, 308-324.
- Whitbeck, L. B., Simons, R. L., & Kao, M. (1994). The effects of divorced mothers' dating behaviors and sexual attitudes on the sexual attitudes and behaviors of their adolescent children. *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, 56, 615-621.
- Ganong, L. H., & Coleman, M. (2004). Gay and lesbian cohabiting couples in stepfamilies. From *Stepfamily relationships: Development, dynamics, and interventions*. New York: Kluwer Academic/Plenum.

Week 13, November 19

**Topics: Stepfamilies, Stepparenting, and Children's Adjustment
Contextual and Relational Factors**

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