

HUNTER COLLEGE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
City University of New York

Syllabus used by all SSW 701 Sections
Fall 2009

SOCIAL WELFARE POLICIES AND SERVICES I
INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY AND SERVICES

PURPOSE:

This foundation level course furnishes students with the orienting knowledge and skills needed to examine social welfare policies and to understand their relevance to social service delivery and social work practice. Drawing on liberal arts knowledge, Social Welfare Policy and Services I contextualizes social welfare policy and the social work profession, historically, conceptually, and ideologically. Students become familiar with basic issues, concepts, values, terminology, frameworks and ethical issues that define social welfare policy and that influence their ability to work with diverse groups and populations at risk and to think critically. It exposes students to knowledge about family life, the market economy, government policies and other social structures that may or may not meet basic human needs., promote social and economic justice or recognize human rights . It alerts them to social welfare policy's contribution to both oppression and social justice and informs them of how social workers can work to support but also to change the social welfare system. More specifically, the objectives are for students to

Outcomes and (Core Competencies, Council on Social Work Education

Upon successful completion of Social Welfare Policies and Services I (SSW 701) students will have developed a range of core competencies in relation to course objectives. In written assignments, class discussion, small group formats, and online, students will be asked to demonstrate their capacity to comprehend, apply and analyze social welfare policy. Student will demonstrate the capacity

1. To formulate a working definition of social welfare policy and understand its implications for social service delivery and social work practice (EP 2.1,1, EP 2.1.4)
2. To apply knowledge of history to past and current social welfare policy. To utilize a historical framework; to understand how prevailing contexts shape social welfare provision; how social, economic and political forces created the conditions for changes in social welfare policy and the impact of social welfare policy on marginalized groups.(EP 2.1.3)
- 3.To examine and critique ideological perspectives, to use ideology as a framework to interpret social policy analysis, to operationalize ideological perspectives in order to identify and assess their impact on social provision.(EP 2.1.3)
- 4.To recognize, describe and comment on basic federal budget concepts and processes (EP 2.1.3)
5. To analyze the relationship between social welfare policies and the larger social, economic and political paradigms/contexts of which they are a part; the ways in which paradigms shape the scale, scope and spirit of past and present social welfare policy, and apply the economic crisis model to understand the transformation in social policy paradigms over time. (EP 2.1.3, EP 2.1.7, EP 2.1.9)
6. To describe and to analyze the methodology used to implement social welfare policy since the 1980s to identify the accompanying tactics and strategies, recognize the of their impact on the lives of clients, the delivery of social services and the practice of social work, including the policies of the current Obama administration.(EP 2.1.2, EP 2.1.3, EP 2.1.5, EP 2.1.7, EP 2.1.9)
7. To analyze the impact of social policy, apply conceptual frameworks that distinguish between who benefits and who loses from social welfare policies, and apply the analysis to social service provision. (EP, 2.1.3, EP 2.1.5)
8. To identify major poverty groups, to distinguish among different measures of poverty, to apply, compare and contrast different theories about the causes and remedies of poverty, and apply this thinking to the lives of social work clients. (EP 2.1.3, EP 2.1.4, EP 2.15, EP 2.1.9)
- 9 To recognize and analyze the relationship between oppression and social welfare policy, the contribution of social welfare policy to the oppression (marginalization, exploitation, powerlessness) of individuals and groups and /or to reducing differential access to power and privilege.(EP 2.1.3, EP 2.1.4, EP 2.1.5, EP 2.1.9)

10. To identify the human rights analysis as a potential way to understand and assess the impact of social welfare policy.(EP 2.1.5)

11.To recognize the value of research and data in the study of social problems and social welfare policy, to make use of research and data in their study of social welfare policy. (EP2.1.3, EP 2.1.6)

12. To investigate how advocacy groups define, practice and evaluate their efforts to promote social activism and social change.(EP 2.1.1, EP 2.1.5, EP 2.1.8, EP 2.1.9)

OBJECTIVES

1. Define the boundaries of social welfare policy and their relationship to social service delivery and social work practice.

2. Develop an understanding of the history of social welfare in the United States especially how historical contexts shape social welfare policies, the forces that lead to policy change, the relationship between past and present policies, the impact of historical legacies for contemporary policy issues. and the impact of social welfare policy on historically marginalized groups.

3. Identify major ideological perspectives and understand their strategy for addressing basic human needs and solving social problems. Recognize that various ideologies comprise a framework for analyzing social welfare policies based on their different ideas about human nature, role of the market and the government as well as, the nature of the family, the meaning of work, and the possibility for social change.

4. Understand the basics of the federal budget concepts and the impact tax and spending procedures social welfare policies and programs.

5. Recognize that social welfare policy operates in a variety of contexts (social economic, political, historical, and ideological) and that these contexts influence the capacity social policy and social workers to contribute to the well-being of individuals, the development of effective social welfare programs, and the promotion of social, economic, and political justice.

6. Understand how the social welfare policy framework in place since 1980s was introduced and implemented, identify the tactics and strategies, that is, the methodological framework used to implement the paradigm, Evaluation the extent of change represented by the policies of the Obama Administration. Recognize the impact of the change on the lives of clients and the capacity of agencies to deliver social services otherwise address the well-being of their clients.

7. Understand the differential impact of social welfare policy on individuals and families, recognize that social welfare policies affect poor and non-poor alike and how the conceptual framework that asks “ Who Benefits? Who Loses?” from social welfare policies provide information on these outcomes/

8. Understand the demographics of poverty; recognize poverty’s causes, consequences, and impact on clients and social services as well as key measurement issues.

9. Understand the role that social welfare policy plays in creating and/or ameliorating the risks of discrimination, economic deprivation, and institutionalized oppressions (e.g. racism, sexism, heterosexism, classism), how social policy can expand or restrict access to power and privilege, how the multiple sources of oppression (intersectionality) affect the lives of clients and social service provision.

10. Understand the meaning of human rights (globally and locally), the basic principles of human rights, the relationship of social welfare policy to the exercise of human rights, and the relationship between human rights, social service provision and social justice.

11 Recognize the role of research in the development of social policy and the many sources of data that can be used to assess social problems, participate in social planning and evaluate social policies such as agency records, government statistics, internet sites, think tank reports, and many others.

12. Understand the ways in which social welfare policy and social activism can promote social, political and economic justice through social change.

COURSE EXPECTATIONS

Attendance

1. Class attendance is required (no more than 2 unexcused absences) Please inform professor if you will not be in class and make plans to make up missed work.
2. Classes missed for religious reasons are excused. Please inform the professor in advance so that a plan can be made to make up the missed work)
3. On- time class attendance is expected.

Assignments

1. Complete the assigned readings for each class
2. Complete 6 Mini Papers on schedule provided in class.

Class Participation

1. Participate in class discussions at one's own pace
2. HCSSW requires least one hour of teaching and learning online each week.

Professional Conduct: As a professional school, standards of appropriate ethical conduct are expected of students at all times, including in the classroom. Students should refrain from answering or making cell phone calls in class, and from reading or writing text messages on any portable electronic devices.

Hunter College/CUNY Academic Dishonesty Policy: *Hunter College regards acts of academic dishonesty (e.g. plagiarism, cheating on examinations, obtaining unfair advantage, and falsification of records and official documents) as serious offenses against the values of intellectual honesty. The College is committed to enforcing CUNY Policy on Academic Integrity and will pursue cases of academic dishonesty according to the Hunter College Academic Integrity Procedures.*

GRADING

Criteria for the School as a whole are spelled out in the Student Handbook. For the Social Policy classes student's grasp of the course content will be reflected through their attendance, demonstrated use of the readings, meaningful involvement in class discussions, timely participation in online discussions, and satisfactory completion of oral and written assignments. Requests for a letter grade must be made by the second week of the semester. Once agreed upon, the request of a letter grade cannot be rescinded.

Grading Criteria Written Assignments

1. Quality of written and oral Work
2. Application to practice and/or contemporary policy issues (as required)
3. Responsiveness to guidelines.
4. Completion of assigned readings.
5. Adequate documentation and referencing
6. Organization of paper/presentation (Appropriate use of language, headings, logical progression of ideas)
7. Timely completion of assignment
8. Careful preparation of written material (i.e spelling , grammar, overall organization of papers)
9. The Writing Centers at 68th and 79th Streets are available to all students, and should be contacted promptly by any student whose self-evaluation or faculty evaluation reveals a need to improve skills.

Credit. Indicates an acceptable graduate-level work equivalent to a B or better. It reflects a combination of satisfactory completion of all course work, the quality of written and oral communication, adequate class participation, regular and on time class attendance. This includes ability to accurately report on the content of the readings, to identify main ideas, to draw relevant conclusions, to self- reflect on the material, to apply material to practice and contemporary policy issues and to reference assigned readings,

Honors. Indicates superior graduate level work equivalent to an A+ or better. It reflects work that meets all of the requirements for a grade of Credit but that, in addition demonstrates outstanding capacity for critical thinking which includes the contextualization, synthesis of main issues, integration of ideas from several readings, recognition of debated points, and creative application of material to practice and contemporary policy issues.

No Credit. A grade of no-credit indicates a combination of poor quality of work on assignments; insufficient mastery of reading and lecture materials, weak descriptive and conceptual skills, minimal class participation; and excessive absences or lateness.

Incomplete Grades of Incomplete may be given at the discretion of the instructor. Instructor and student must agree to a date for completion of the work. Failure to meet the agreed upon date will result in an automatic No Credit. Students who do not achieve Credit level work at the end of a course may not receive an incomplete grade.

Course Outline and Readings --Fall 2009

Location of Readings

CP--(Course Pak)

B---(Book) On Reserve at HCSSW Library or recommended purchase.

EJ--(Electronic Journal) (Hunter College Library Data bases)

J---(Journal) -in HCSSW Stacks

All other readings are On Line

Recommended Books to Buy:

1. Campus Course Pak (on sale in lobby)

2. Abramovitz & Morgen (2006) Taxes Are A Women's Issue: Reframing The Debate. Feminist Press (available new & used at amazon.com or www.feministpress.org)

3. Mullaly, Robert (2006) The New Structural Social Work,(3rd ed) Oxford (Three chapters are assigned in Unit III . You might want to find a used copy. Might be cheaper than making copies.

The Library has copies of the Course Pak, Abramovitz & Morgen and Mullaly

Due dates for reading and written and assignments will be announced in class.

A preliminary calendar will be distributed on the first day of class.

ASSIGNED READINGS

PART I (Units I-III)
INTRODUCTION, BACKGROUND AND PERSPECTIVES

UNIT I: DESCRIPTION AND DEFINITIONS. Defines and delimits the boundaries of social welfare policy. Identifies the organization, structure, and operation of the social welfare system; describes major entitlement and services including public, non-profit, and for-profit programs, and reviews the role of federal, state, and local governments in social welfare policy. Introduces key concepts for analyzing social welfare policy such as universal vs. selective, institutional vs. residual, deserving vs. undeserving poor, adequacy vs. equity, equality of opportunity vs. equality of result, oppression vs. social justice. **(Read All)**

Popple, Philip & Leighninger, Leslie (2005, 6th ed.) Social Work, Social Welfare & American Society. Boston: Allyn & Bacon, Ch. 2 "Social Welfare: Basic Concepts" pp. 29-64 (CP)

Day, Phyllis (2006 5th ed.) A New History of Social Welfare. Boston Allyn & Bacon, Ch 2, "The Institution of Social Welfare," pp. 29-58 (CP).

Jansson, Bruce (2008, 5th ed.) Becoming An Effective Policy Advocate: From Policy Practice to Social Justice. Belmont, CA: Brooke/Cole, Ch.2: "Articulating 4 Rationales for Participating in Policy Advocacy," pp. 39-75 (CP).

Tussing, Dale, (1974)"The Dual Welfare System," Society 11(2)(Jan/Feb): 50-57 (CP)

UNIT II: HISTORICAL BACKGROUND. Places the history and current function of social welfare and social work in their social, economic, political, cultural and ideological contexts. Describes social welfare policy origins and development; the rise of the social work profession, highlighting both the benevolent and the controlling character of the welfare state. Identifies key historical periods to show how the definition of social problems and social welfare policy solutions change over time. Describes shifts in the philosophy of the welfare state and the structure and operation of the social welfare system since the 1980s, with a focus on the ways in which the welfare state has been restructured. Introduces issues of class, race, gender, their effect on the development of social welfare policy, and the role of social movements in the promotion of social, economic and political justice **(READ ALL)**

Blau, Joel & Mimi Abramovitz (2007 2nd ed) The Dynamics of Social Welfare Policy, Ch 7: Social Welfare History in the United States, pp.232—288. (CP)

Omni, Michael & Howard Winant (1994) Racial Formation in the United States from the 1960s to the 1990s, NY: Routledge, Ch. 5 "The Racial State", pp. 77-91.(CP)

Oroloff, Ana Shola (1998) "Welfare State" in W. Mankiller, et. al. The Reader's Companion to US Women's History. Houghton Mifflin, Boston. MA, .pp. 630-632. (CP).

UNIT III. IDEOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES ON THE WELFARE STATE. Compares and contrasts major social welfare policy thought (i.e. conservatism liberalism, radicalism, and feminism) that has influenced both the definition of social problems and social welfare policies selected to address them. Introduces criteria used to distinguish between these perspectives such as their competing views regarding human nature, the family, the market economy, the role of government and the process of social change among others. Encourages students to locate their own ideological voice and to identify that of others.

Different Perspective on the Welfare State (Read: A B, C, & D)

A. Overview

Mullaly, Robert (2007 3rd ed) The New Structural Social Work. Ontario: Oxford University Press Ch. 3-6; pp. 70-158 (BOOK on Reserve)

B Feminist View

Abramovitz, Mimi (1996, 2nd. ed.) Regulating The Lives of Women, Social Welfare Policy From Colonial Times to the Present Boston: South End Ch.1 A Feminist Perspective the Welfare State, pp.13-40 .(CP)

C. Welfare Racism: Kenneth J. Neubeck & Noel A. Casenave (2001) Welfare Racism: Playing the Race Card Against America's Poor. New York, Routledge Ch. 2. Conceptualizing "Welfare Racism, pp. 15—38 (CP).

D. Obama and the Role of the Government

Salon.com (2008, March) Barack Obama on the Recession: "Government Has a Role to Play"
http://www.salon.com/news/primary_sources/2008/03/27/obama/index.html

Walsh, Kenneth (2009, March 19) Under President Obama, Big Government is Back. US News and World Report.
<http://www.usnews.com/articles/news/obama/2009/03/19/under-president-obama-big-government-is-back.html?PageNr=1>

PART II (Units IV- VI)

THE SOCIAL SERVICE SYSTEM: Identifies the organization, structure, and operation of the social welfare system; describes major entitlement and services, including public, non-profit, and for-profit programs, and reviews the role of federal, state, and local governments in social welfare policy. Examines the means by which the welfare state has been dismantled since 1980. Introduces key concepts for analyzing social welfare policy such as universal vs. selective, institutional vs. residual, mandatory vs. discretionary spending, deserving vs. undeserving poor, adequacy vs. equity, equality of opportunity vs. equality of result, oppression vs. social justice. Discusses who benefits and who loses from social welfare policy and the capacity of social welfare programs to meet the needs of diverse group & populations at risk.

UNIT IV: WELFARE STATE TODAY U-Turn in Public Policy

A. "The Economic Crisis (Read All)

Greider, William (2003, May 12) Rolling Back the 20th Century, The Nation, pp. 11-12, 14, 16-19. (8 pgs)
<http://www.thenation.com/doc/20030512/greider/single>

Abramovitz, Mimi (2004/2005) Saving Capitalism From Itself, New England Journal of Public Policy, (Fall/Winter), pp. 21-31. (To find the article go to Hunter College Library data bases, then Business Search Premier. Where indicated enter title of journal and then author. (EJ).

Amott, Teresa (1993) Caught In The Crisis: Women and the Economy Today. NY: Monthly Review Press. Ch, The Post-War Economy Slows Down, pp. 24-48 (CP) (24 pgs)

B. Defining Neo Liberalism (or The Return of Conservatism (Read 1)

Martinez, Elizabeth & Arnoldo Garcia (nd) What is Neoliberalism? A Brief Definition for Activists. (1 pg)
<http://www.corpwatch.org/article.php?id=376&printsafe=1>

George Susan (1999) A Short History of Neo-Liberalism Global Policy Forum (1 pg)
<http://www.aislingmagazine.com/aislingmagazine/articles/TAM26/Neoliberalism.html>

UNIT V. Retrenchment Methods and Impact. The Implementation of the U-Turn In Public Policy and Its Impact on Social Programs.

A Tax Cuts [Less revenues to support the welfare state and the wider public sector]

1. Background and Description (Read all)

Abramovitz, Mimi & Sandra Morgen (2006) Taxes Are A Women Issue. Reframing the Debate, Ch. 4 How We Got Here: A Brief History of the U.S. Tax Policy. Feminist Press, pp. 67-92 (esp. pp 67-84) (**BK**)

Krugman, Paul (2003) The Tax-Cut Con. ["Starve the beast"]The New York Times

<http://query.nytimes.com/gst/fullpage.html?res=990CE0DB173BF937A2575AC0A9659C8B63&sec=health&spone=&pagewanted=print>

Policy Basics: The 2001 and 2003 Tax Cuts (2009, March 5) (1 pg)

<http://www.cbpp.org/cms/index.cfm?fa=view&id=2705>

2 Impact of Bush Tax Cuts (Read All)

Tax Cuts: Recent Myths and Realities (revised May 9, 2008) <http://www.cbpp.org/9-27-06tax.htm>

Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (2009, April 13) Policy Basics: Where Do Our Federal Tax Dollars Go?(Fiscal Year 2008) (1-2 pgs) <http://www.cbpp.org/cms/index.cfm?fa=view&id=1258>

Abramovitz, Mimi & Sandra Morgen (2006) Taxes Are A Women's Issue: Reframing the Debate, Ch 5, How Today's Policies Hurt Women, Children and Families, Feminist Press, pp, 93-106) (**BOOK**)

War Resister's League (Pie chart) (2009) Where Your Income Tax Money Really Goes (a chart)

<http://www.warresisters.org/piechart.htm>

3. Obama Tax Proposals (Read 1)

Marr Chuck, & Jason Levitis (2009 Mar 29) High-Income Households Would Face Lower Tax Burden under Obama Budget than In Clinton Years, When Economy Performed Well. Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

<http://www.cbpp.org/cms/index.cfm?fa=view&id=2741>

B Defunding Social Programs (Budget cuts, program cutbacks)

1. Background ("The Reagan Revolution" (Read Pear)

Pear, Robert (1981, Oct 28) A Shift in Social Welfare, New York Times

<http://select.nytimes.com/search/restricted/article?res=FB0D17F73B5D0C7B8EDDA90994D9484D81>

2 Impact of Defunding (The Reagan, Bush, Clinton, & Bush Administrations) (Read two)

Kogan, Richard (2008, March) Federal Spending, 2001 Through 2008: Defense Is a Rapidly Growing Share of the Budget While Domestic Appropriations Have Shrunk.' Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

<http://www.cbpp.org/3-5-08bud.pdf> (5 pgs)

Sherman, Arloc (2009, July 6) Safety Net Effective at Fighting Poverty But Has Weakened for the Very Poorest

<http://www.cbpp.org/cms/index.cfm?fa=view&id=2859>

Lav, Iris, & McNochol Elizabeth (2009, June 29) State Budget Troubles Worsen

<http://www.cbpp.org/cms/index.cfm?fa=view&id=711>

C. Privatization [Shifts social welfare responsibility from the public to the private sector]

1. Overview (Read both)

President Bush (2004) Fact Sheet: America's Ownership Society: Expanding Opportunities (1 pg)

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2004/08/20040809-9.html>

Reisch, Robert (2004) What Ownership Society? (1 pg)

http://www.tompaine.com/articles/what_ownership_society.php

2. Impact of Privatization (Read 2)

Abramovitz, M (1998) "The Perils of Privatization," MS Magazine (Jan/Feb), p. 29 (CP).

Center for Policy Alternatives (2005) Privatizing Public Services (1pg)
<http://www.stateaction.org/issues/issue.cfm/issue/PrivatizingPublicServices.xml>

American Federation of State, County and Municipal Workers.(2006) Safety Net for Sale: The Dangers of Privatizing Social Services. (4-5 pgs) <http://www.afscme.org/publications/1242.cfm>

D. Devolution [Shift of social welfare responsibility from the federal government to the states]

Overview and Impact of Devolution (Read Kurland and 1 other)

Kurland, Judith (2004/2005) Devolution: The Retreat of Government. New England Journal of Public Policy, (Fall/Winter), pp. 33-48 (EJ) . (To find the article "go to Hunter College Library data bases, then Business Search Premier, Where indicated enter title of journal and then author

Kenneth Finegold, Laura Wherry & Stephanie Schardin (2004) Block Grants: Historical Overview and Lessons Learned. Urban Institute, Series A-A -63 April.
http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/310991_A-63.pdf

Lav, Iris & Phil Oliff (2008 Feb 4) Federal Grants To States And Localities Cut Deeply In Fiscal Year 2009 Federal Budget. CBPP <http://www.cbpp.org/2-4-08sfp.pdf>

E. Punishment and Deterrence [Reduce the use of social programs by people despite need]

Handler, Joe I (1972) Reforming The Poor: Welfare Policy, Federalism & Morality, NY: Basic Books, Ch. .3 "Reform By Deterrence," pp. 25-46) (CP) (1972 publication included for historical comparison)

F. Social Service Agencies [Non profit agencies and social workers pick up the slack] (Read all 3 plus Obama's Stimulus Package, G below)

Abramovitz, Mimi (2005) The Largely Untold Story of Welfare Reform and the Human Services, Social Work, April. 50(2), pp.175-186
<http://web.ebscohost.com.proxy.wexler.hunter.cuny.edu/ehost/pdf?vid=4&hid=107&sid=60fbd195-1d77-4a0c-9e8c-157cac6e1574%40sessionmgr104>

Or Go to Hunter College Libraries, Electronic Journals, Social Work Click Volume 50 (2) (April)School down to #9 Click on title of article Then click on PDF full text (if that does not work, click HTML full text)

New York Non Profit Press (2008, December) 'State Spending Cuts Threaten Non-profits'
<http://www.jointogether.org/news/funding/trends/2008/state-spending-cuts.html?log-event=sp2f-view-item&nid=47602229>

New York City New York Non Profit Press (2009. May 29) Hard Choices! Bad Choices? Bloomberg Cuts Human Services by \$200 Million,
<http://www.nynp.biz/index.php/freatures/929-hard-choices-bad-choices-bloomberg-cuts-human-services-by-200-million->

G. Obama's Stimulus Package (January 2009) (The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009) http://www.huffingtonpost.com/the-progress-report/obamas-stimulus-package_b_155279.html

Recovery.gov (2009) Where is your money going? <http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content/investments>

Unit VI. WHO BENEFITS? WHO LOSES? FROM THE WELFARE STATE: Analyses the social welfare system by looking at who is and who is not served by its program,that is who benefits and who loses? The differential distribution of resources by social welfare programs to diverse individuals, populations at risk, the middle class and corporation suggests that everyone is one welfare., but that some groups do better than others.

A. Overview: Not For the Poor Alone (Read Abramovitz)

Abramovitz, M. (2001), "Everyone Is Still On Welfare: The Role of Redistribution in Social Policy," Social Work,46 (October), pp. 297-308 . (EJ) (To access from Hunter College Library Database, see G above)

B. Who Benefits

1. Poor, Working Poor & Middle Class (Read “ What Does Safety Net Accomplish” & 2 others)

What Does the Safety Net Accomplish? (2005) Overview (2 pgs) In box on right side of the page is a list of specific programs. Read Press Release and about one program area.

<http://www.cbpp.org/7-19-05acc-pr.htm>

National Employment Law Project (2009, June 16), Federal Stimulus Funding Produces Unprecedented Wave of State Unemployment Insurance Reforms

<http://www.nelp.org/page/-/UI/UIMA.Roundup.June.09.pdf?nocdn=1>

Coalition for Human Needs,(2009, May 29) Protections for Renters and Homeless Legislation Signed into Law.

<http://www.chn.org/humanneeds/090529c.html>

AARP Public Policy Institute (2009, April) Social Security: Ten Facts

http://assets.aarp.org/rgcenter/econ/fs154_socsec.pdf

National Employment Law Project (2009, June 18) 25 States Expand Unemployment Benefit

Eligibility , <http://www.nelp.org/page/-/UI/PR.ARRA.Report.6.09.pdf?nocdn=1>

Abramovitz, Mimi (2009, March 24) Women Need to Know Their New Jobless Benefits. Women’sEnews\

<http://www.womensenews.org/article.cfm/dyn/aid/3959>

Elderman, Peter, Greenberg, Mark, Harry Holzer (2008, Aug 19) A Safety Net for the Least Fortunate. *The*

Washington Post/ Urban Institute <http://www.urban.org/publications/1001249.html>

Parrott Sharon & Arloc Sherman (2008, May 19) Families Helped By The Child Tax Credit Expansion □ Work Hard In Low-Paying Jobs, CBPP (2 pgs).

<http://www.cbpp.org/5-15-08tax.htm>

CBPP (2007 Apr. 26) The Food Stamp Program’s Critical Role In Helping Children

<http://www.cbpp.org/4-26-07fa-fact.htm>

Institute for Women’s Policy Research (2006. Apr 18) Study Finds Education Benefits Low-Income Children,

Families and Communities. (2 pgs) http://www.iwpr.org/pdf/D466_release.pdf

2. Wealthy Individuals (Read :Tax Cuts Myths and Realities & 2 others)

Tax Cuts: Myths and Realities (2008, May 9, rev) (READ: Myths 6-8 on tax fairness)

<http://www.cbpp.org/9-27-06tax.htm>

Tax Policy Center (2006, Oct) Tax Topics. Distribution of 2001-06 Tax Cuts (1 pg)

<http://www.taxpolicycenter.org/taxtopics/cuts0106.cfm>

Tax Policy Center (2006, Nov) Tax Topics: Historical Top Tax Rate (chart)

<http://www.taxpolicycenter.org/taxfacts/displayafact.cfm?Docid=213>

Huang, Chye-Ching & Chad Stone (2008, Oct 22) Average Income in 2006 up \$60,000 for Top 1 Percent of Households, Just \$430 for Bottom 90 Percent: Income Concentration at Highest Level Since 1928, New Analysis Shows

<http://www.cbpp.org/cms/index.cfm?fa=view&id=69>

Baker, Dean (2007,Aug.14) Welfare As We Know it Now. Center for Economic and Policy Research 1 pg)

http://www.cepr.net/index2.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1268&pop=1&page=0&Itemid=45

Carasso, Adam, C. Eugene Steuerle & Elizabeth Bell (2005, Feb.28) The Trend in Federal Housing Tax

Expenditures (1 pg) http://taxpolicycenter.org/UploadedPDF/1000750_Tax_Fact_2-28-05.pdf

Responsible Wealth (2004) It Takes a Village to Make a Millionaire New Report Blasts Myth of the Self-Made Man

(1 pg) http://www.responsiblewealth.org/press/2004/NotAlone_pr.html

Citizens for Tax Justice (2007, Apr) US Remains on the Least Taxed Industrial Countries (3 pg +charts) <http://www.ctj.org/pdf/oced07.pdf>

Citizens for Tax Justice (2008, Oct 1) Time to Stop Subsidizing Wall Street Eliminate the Tax Loopholes for Capital Gains and Dividends <http://www.ctj.org/pdf/endcgdivloopholes.pdf>

3. **Major Corporations** (Read: Moyers & 2 others)

Moyers, Bill (2001) "Which America Will We Be Now?" The Nation, (11/19) (6 pgs est) <http://www.thenation.com/doc/20011119/moyers/single>

Stephen Slivinski (2009) The Corporate Welfare State: How the Federal Government Subsidizes U.S. Businesses. Center on American Progress http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2009/07/pdf/lgbt_poverty.pdf

Stone Chad & Hannah Shaw (2009(July10) Senate Can Strengthen Climate Legislation By Reducing Corporate Welfare and Boosting True Consumer Relief. Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. <http://www.cbpp.org/cms/index.cfm?fa=view&id=2871>

David C Johnson interviewed buy by Terry Gross (NPR Fresh Air)(2008, Jan 3)). Free Lunch: Hidden Government Subsidies for the Very Rich. (3 pgs) [Http://prairieweather.typepad.com/the_scribe/2008/01/free-lunch-davi.html](http://prairieweather.typepad.com/the_scribe/2008/01/free-lunch-davi.html)

Center for Economic & Policy Research (2008, Mar 4) Foreclosure Plans Benefit Banks, But Do Little for Homeowners. (1 pg) <http://www.cepr.net/index.php/press-releases/press-releases/foreclosure-plans-benefit-banks-but-do-little-for-homeowners/>

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UNIT VII: POVERTY AND INEQUALITY: Who's Poor and Why?. Explores questions of poverty, inequality, and social justice. Identifies ways of measuring poverty; the impact of poverty on the lives of individuals, families, communities; the differential exposure of special populations to economic deprivation, discrimination, and institutionalized oppression; government efforts to address poverty and oppression and to promote social, economic and political justice. Reviews various theories on the causes of poverty and inequality in light of the ideological frameworks previously discussed and the needs of special populations.

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<http://www.nwlc.org/pdf/EntmacherSocialSecurityTestimonyJan16.pdf>

Boushey Heather (2005. Feb 9) Women Lose With Social Security Reform. *Women's ENews* (2 pgs)
<http://www.womensenews.org/article.cfm/dyn/aid/2178/context/archive>

National Women's Law Center (2005, Apr.) What Women Need to Know about Privatizing Social Security (3 pgs) http://www.nwlc.org/pdf/SocialSecurity_Q&A_April2005.pdf

National Women's Law Center (2005) Women of Color and Social Security (4 pgs) April. http://www.nwlc.org/pdf/SocialSecurity_WomenOfColor_April2005.pdf

National Women's Law Center (2005) Women and SS Reform: What's At Stake (7 pgs). <http://www.nwlc.org/pdf/WhatsAtStakeSocSec1-13-05.pdf>

5. Taxes Are A Women's Issue (Read Ch 1 and 6)

Abramovitz Mimi & Sandra Morgen (2006) Taxes Are A Women's Issue: Reframing the Debate Ch 1. Introduction: Truth and Taxes, pp.11- 16, & Ch 6. Why Women Feel More Sting From Service Cuts. Feminist Press, pp. 107-123 (**BOOK**)

6. Incarceration is a Women's Issue (read Sentencing project)

The Sentencing Project (2007) Women In The Criminal Justice System (read overview and any other sections of interest) http://www.sentencingproject.org/Admin/Documents/publications/womenincj_total.pdf

PART IV (UNIT X)

POLICY MEETS PRACTICE, SOCIAL WORKERS AND SOCIAL CHANGE. Identifies the legislature, the courts, the profession & the social agency as arenas of policy implementation and policy change. Examines the role of social workers, social service clients, grassroots organizations large social movements in seeking social change to confront the oppression; to promote social, economic and political justice; and to develop alternative visions for the wider social order.

THE FOLLOWING READINGS ARE NOT IN THE COURSE PAC OR ON LINE.

They are in BOOKS OR JOURNALS on library reserve Read Selectively for your paper/

A. Overviews

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Abramovitz, M (1996) Under Attack, Fighting Back: Women and Welfare in the US. (NY; Monthly Review) , Ch. 4," From The Legislature to the Academy to the Streets, pp.109-141 (**B**)

Haynes Karen & James Mickelson (2006.6th ed.) Affecting Change: Social Worker in the Political Arena, Bost. Allyn & Bacon, Ch 1 "All Social Work is Political." pp 1-5 (**B**)

Jansson, Bruce (2008 5th ed). Becoming an Effective Policy Advocate: Pacific Grove, Ca. Brooks/Cole. Ch. 1 Joining a Tradition of Social Reform, pp.1-36, Ch 12, Putting Political Strategy Into Action, pp.411-445 (**B**)

Fisher, R. (1987) Community Organizing in Historical Perspective, in F. Cox et al (eds.) Strategies, Community Organization, (4th edition) , pp. 387-398 (**B**)

Hoefler, Richard (2005) Advocacy Practice for Social Justice. Chicago; Lyceum. Integrating Advocacy Practice into Your social Work Practice (in hist.periods), pp177-190.(**B**)

Schneider, Robert & Lori Lester (2000) Social Work Advocacy. Pacific Grove, Ca. Brooks/Cole, Ch 1, Advocacy's Rich and Diverse History, pp.5-55.(**B**)

B. Practice

NASW: Code of Ethic of NASW Section 6.01 and 6.0 <http://www.socialworkers.org/pubs/code/code.asp>

Amidei, N. (1987)."How to Be an Advocate In Bad Times", in F. Cox et al (eds) Strategies of Community Organization, (4th edition) pp. 106-114 (**B**)

Mullaly, R (2007 .3rd ed) Structural Social Work: Ideology, Theory & Practice. Ch, 9, Working System, Ch 12, Working Outside (against) the System, 331-362 (**B**)

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Ferguson, I.,& Lavalette, M., (2005) Another world is possible," social work and the struggle for social justice, in Ferguson, I. Lavalette, M. & Elizabeth Whitmore (eds) Globalization, Global Justice and Social Work, Routledge , pp. 1-8.(B)

Messinger, R, (1982) Empowerment: A Social Workers Politics" in Mahaffey. M & Hanks, (eds) Practical Politics, pp. 212-223 (B).

Carlton-Laney, Iris (1999) African American SW Pioneers' Response to Need Social Work, (July) pp. 311-321.(EJ)