

Sociology 525C: Topics in Social Psychology

Symbolic Interactionism

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“Interactionism insists on being a humble theory, not claiming too much and not dealing with major abstractions and false dualisms. Indeed the real task of an interactionist is simply to look at social life as people ‘do things together.’; its core interests lie in the doing of ethnographies and in the intimate familiarity with ongoing social... worlds. It is a hands-on ‘down-to-earth’ empirical approach... In general, the tradition is one steeped in the exploration and inspection of data.”

— Ken Plummer (2003)

“The symbolic interactionist point of view requires you to take into account more things than almost any other perspective. At least, it disposes you to do your research in such a way that if anything is obviously (or not so obviously) affecting the phenomenon you want to understand, you’ll be free to take advantage of finding that out. This distinguishes it from other kinds of research which, for either theoretical or technical reasons, limit your view of what’s relevant so that you just don’t see those other factors which might be important.”

— Howard S. Becker (1970)

“Few other social science approaches have made so deep and explicit a commitment to complex questions. Interactionists should not stop asking those questions. Quite the contrary, to remove that complexity—to *simplify* interactionism—would destroy its essence.”

— Kevin Mihata (2002)

“Symbolic Interactionism is like crack for graduate students. Give them the first hit for free and then make them work for it.”

—Kerry Ferris (2013)

Summary

This course covers selected topics related to symbolic interactionism. Students will read and discuss sociological journal articles and chapters on these topics, read and give two book précis, write a paper related to the course material, and give a presentation of this paper to the class.

Objectives for students include (1) increasing their knowledge about the symbolic interactionist perspective and about its substantive contributions; (2) improving their skills of reading, analyzing and evaluating sociological research; and (3) stimulating their thinking about their own research.

Grading

The course grade will be derived from five components.

1. Class participation (20%)

Students are expected to read the assigned core readings each week and contribute to class discussion.

2. Leading discussion (20%)

Discussion of each core reading assignment (journal article or book chapter) will be led by a student. This student is responsible for developing a list of discussion questions, which will be submitted to the instructor.

3. Book précis (20%)

Each student will prepare two précis of books connected to a week's topic. The written précis will consist of a one-page summary of the book. The student will also give a oral synopsis of each book and answer questions about it.

4. Paper (30%)

Each student will write a paper related to the course. The paper need not be publishable, but should show potential for revision into a journal article, conference paper, dissertation chapter or some other scholarly product. Students should consult with the instructor about their paper.

5. Paper presentation (10%)

Students will give a conference-style presentation of their paper to the class.

About the Readings

The course pack of readings is available on-line through Iowa State's Blackboard system. There are three types of readings in the course pack:

Core readings (red): Each week we will discuss four to six core readings. All students are expected to have read these readings before class and each reading will be assigned to a student who will lead the discussion on it. The majority of these articles are empirical.

Background readings (orange): Some weeks I have assigned one or two background readings, several of which are chapters from the *Handbook of Symbolic Interactionism* (2003). These are recommended for putting the core readings into a larger perspective.

Bonus readings (green): Each topic has a number of bonus readings. These include (1) theoretical (rather than empirical) articles on the topic, (2) additional empirical articles on the topic, and (3) additional articles by the authors of the core readings. These bonus readings should provide a starting place for additional reading on each topic. Some of the topics have a more developed set of bonus readings than others. I may add additional bonus readings during the course of the semester.

In selecting the readings, I have attempted to provide you with examples of excellent interactionist research on a number of interesting topics. I also have attempted to introduce you to different groups of interactionists. First, many of the readings are by leading interactionists, i.e., SI sociologists whose research has had a major impact on the perspective and the discipline. Second, many of the readings are by young interactionists, i.e., SI sociologists who have received their Ph.Ds. in the past 15 years. Around a fifth of the core readings resulted from thesis or

dissertation research conducted by these young interactionists. I highlight these publications because they are potential exemplars for the work that you are capable of. Last (but not least), I have made an attempt to include articles whose authors are able to join us in class. Of the 13 days we'll be discussing articles, we will have an author present for seven of those.

In addition to the articles associated with the main course topics, I have included a number of other readings in the course pack: (1) a number of essays by interactionists on the discipline of sociology, (2) articles from a special issue of *Symbolic Interactionism* that consists of essays by winners of the SSSI's George Herbert Mead Career Award accompanied by responses by other interactionists, and (3) the Great Debates, three significant exchanges about the meaning of SI. Two other folders in the coursepack contain collections of articles also found elsewhere in the pack: (1) papers that were republished in Herbert Blumer's *Symbolic Interaction* and (2) papers that won the SSSI's Herbert Blumer Award for best graduate student paper (see appendix B).

Academic Integrity

Speaking and acting truthfully are skills acquired through practice. These skills are indispensable for successfully living and working with other people. If you practice dishonesty, you will endanger all of your relationships. You will be a bad spouse, a bad parent, a bad employee and a bad citizen.

Participating in academic life is an important opportunity to practice truthfulness since dishonesty is incompatible with and abhorrent to the purposes of the university. Therefore, students in this course are expected to adhere to the highest standards of academic honesty.

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Course Outline

	Topic	Guest
1. Aug. 28	Course Overview	
2. Sept. 4	Origins and Principles (The Chicago School)	
3. Sept. 11	Goffman & the Dramaturgical Perspective	Abdi Kusow
4. Sept. 18	Structural Symbolic Interactionism (Iowa & Indiana Schools)	Jean McGuire
5. Sept. 25	Self & Identity	
6. Oct. 2	Emotions	Nancy Berns
7. Oct. 9	Doing Things Together	
8. Oct. 16	Socialization	
9. Oct. 23	Inequality	Abdi Kusow
10. Oct. 30	Gender	
11. Nov. 6	Deviance, Violence & Social Control	Andy Hochstetler
12. Nov. 13	Social Problems	
13. Nov. 20	Crowds, Behavior in Public and Social Movements (Thanksgiving Break)	
14. Dec. 4	Student Presentations	
15. Dec. 11	Student Presentations	

Schedule of Readings

(1) Wednesday, Aug. 28: Course Overview

“There are many reasons why someone might want to embrace symbolic interactionism, but the basic reason why social scientific scholarship ought to be based on that perspective is that it represents good science.”

— David R. Maines (2003)

Core Readings

Fine, Gary Alan. 1993. “The Sad Demise, Mysterious Disappearance, and Glorious Triumph of Symbolic Interactionism.” *Annual Review of Sociology* 19:61-87.

Harris, Scott R. 2007. “Constructionism in Sociology: Objective and Interpretive Forms.” Chapter 12 in James A. Holstein and Jaber F. Gubrium (eds.) *Handbook of Constructionist Research*. Guilford Publications.

Maines, David R. 2003. “Interactionism's Place.” *Symbolic Interaction* 26(1): 5-18.

Schweingruber, David, and Nancy Berns. 2010. “Organizing Door-to-Door Sales: A Symbolic Interactionist Analysis.” Chapter in Peter Kivisto (ed.) *Illuminating Social Life*, 5th ed.

Bonus Readings

Fine, Gary Alan. 1990. “Symbolic Interactionism in the Post-Blumerian Age.” Chapter 5 in George Ritzer (ed.) *Frontiers of Social Theory*. Columbia University Press.

Maines, David R. 2000. “The Social Construction of Meaning.” *Contemporary Sociology* 29(4):577-584.

Mihata, Kevin. 2002. “Emergence and Complexity in Interactionism: Comments on David A. Snow's ‘Extending and Broadening Blumer's Conceptualization of Symbolic Interactionism.’” *Symbolic Interaction* 25(4):571-575.

Snow, David A. 2001. “Extending and Broadening Blumer's Conceptualization of Symbolic Interactionism.” *Symbolic Interaction* 24(3):367-377.

Stryker, Sheldon. 1987. “The Vitalization of Symbolic Interactionism.” *Social Psychology Quarterly* 50(1):83-94.

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(2) Wednesday, Sept. 4: Origins and Principles (The Chicago School)

“Go and sit in the lounges of the luxury hotels and on the doorsteps of the flophouses; sit on the Gold Coast settees and on the slum shakedown; sit in the Orchestra Hall and in the Star and Garter Burlesk. In short, [sociologists], go get the seat of your pants dirty in real research.”

—Robert E. Park

Core Readings

Becker, Howard S. 1951. “The Professional Dance Musician and His Audience.” *American Journal of Sociology* 57(2):136-144.

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Blumer, Herbert. 1966. “Sociological Implications of the Thought of George Herbert Mead.” *American Journal of Sociology* 71(5):535-544.

Hughes, Everett C. 1945. “Dilemmas and Contradictions of Status.” *American Journal of Sociology* 50(5):353-359.

Mead, George Herbert. 1913. “The Social Self.” *The Journal of Philosophy, Psychology and Scientific Methods* 10(14):374-380.

Mead, George Herbert. 1922. “A Behavioristic Account of the Significant Symbol.” *The Journal of Philosophy* 19(6):157-163.

Background Readings

Reynolds, Larry. 2003. “Early Representatives.” Chapter 3 in Larry T. Reynolds and Nancy J. Herman-Kinney (eds.) *Handbook of Symbolic Interactionism*. Altamira Press.

Musolf, Gil Richard. 2003. “The Chicago School.” Chapter 4 in Larry T. Reynolds and Nancy J. Herman-Kinney (eds.) *Handbook of Symbolic Interactionism*. Altamira Press.

Bonus Readings

Articles by Mead

Mead, George Herbert. 1910. “What Social Objects Must Psychology Presuppose?” *The Journal of Philosophy, Psychology and Scientific Methods* 7(7):174-180.

Mead, George Herbert. 1912. “The Mechanism of Social Consciousness.” *The Journal of Philosophy, Psychology and Scientific Methods* 9(15):401-406.

Mead, George Herbert. 1917. “Scientific Method and Individual Thinker.” Pp. 176-227 in John Dewey (ed.) *Creative Intelligence: Essays in the Pragmatic Attitude*. Henry Holt and Co.

Mead, George Herbert. 1925. “The Genesis of the Self and Social Control.” *International Journal of Ethics*. 35(3):251-277.

Mead, George Herbert. 1930. “Cooley’s Contribution to American Social Thought.” *American Sociological Review* 35(5):693-706.

Mead, George Herbert. 1935. “The Philosophy of John Dewey.” *International Journal of Ethics*

Reflections on Mead

Athens, Lonnie. 2005. “Mead’s Lost Conception of Society.” *Symbolic Interaction* 28(3):305-325.

Fine, Gary Alan, and Sherryl Kleinman. 1986. "Interpreting the Sociological Classics: Can There Be a 'True' Meaning of Mead?" *Symbolic Interaction* 9(1):129-146.

Maines, David R., Noreen M. Sugrue, and Michael Katovich. 1983. "The Sociological Import of G.H. Mead's Theory of the Past." *American Sociological Review* 48(2):161-173.

Articles by Blumer

Blumer, Herbert. 1931. "Science Without Concepts." *American Journal of Sociology* 36(4):515-533.

Blumer, Herbert. 1940. "The Problem of the Concept in Social Psychology." *American Journal of Sociology* 45(5):707-719.

Blumer, Herbert. 1948. "Public Opinion and Public Opinion Polling." *American Sociological Review* 13(5):542-549.

Blumer, Herbert. 1954. "What is Wrong with Social Theory?" *American Sociological Review* 19(1):3-10.

Blumer, Herbert. 1955. "Attitudes and the Social Act." *Social Problems* 3(2):59-65.

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Blumer, Herbert. 1969. "The Methodological Position of Symbolic Interactionism." Chapter 1 in *Symbolic Interactionism: Perspective and Method*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press.

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Becker, Howard. 1988. "Herbert Blumer's Conceptual Impact." *Symbolic Interaction* 11(1):13-21.

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Maines, David R. 1988. "Myth, Text, and Interaction Complicity in the Neglect of Blumer's Macrosociology." *Symbolic Interaction* 11(1):43-57.

Shibutani, Tamotsu. 1988. "Herbert Blumer's Contributions to Twentieth-Century Sociology." *Symbolic Interaction* 11(1):23-31.

Stryker, Sheldon. 1988. "Substance and Style: An Appraisal of the Sociological Legacy of Herbert Blumer." *Symbolic Interaction* 11(1):33-42.

Tucker, Charles W. 1988. "Herbert Blumer: A Pilgrimage with Pragmatism." *Symbolic Interaction* 11(1):99-124.

Wiseman, Jacqueline P. 1987. "In Memoriam: Herbert Blumer (1900-1987)." *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography* 16(3):243-249.

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Becker, Howard S. 1955. "Marihuana Use and Social Control." *Social Problems* 3(1):35-44.

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Becker, Howard S. 1967. "History, Culture and Subjective Experience." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 8(3):163-176.

Becker, Howard. 1972. "A School Is a Lousy Place to Learn Anything in." *The American Behavioral Scientist* 16(1).

Becker, Howard S., and Blanche Geer. 1958. "The Fate of Idealism in Medical School." *American Sociological Review* 23(1):50-56.

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Interviews with and Reflections on Becker

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Plummer, Ken. 2003. "Continuity and Change in Howard S. Becker's Work: An Interview with Howard S. Becker." *Sociological Perspectives* 46(1):21-39.

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Glaser, Barney G., and Anselm L. Strauss. 1964. "Awareness Contexts and Social Interaction." *American Sociological Review* 29(5):669-679.

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Chapoulie, Jean-Michel. 1987. "Everett C. Hughes and the Development of Fieldwork in Sociology." *Urban Life* 15(3-4): 259-298.

Dingwall, Robert. 2001. "Notes Toward an Intellectual History of Symbolic Interactionism." *Symbolic Interaction* 24(2):237-242.

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Strauss, Anselm. 1996. "Everett Hughes: Sociology's Misson." *Symbolic Interaction* 19(4):271-283.

(3) Wednesday, Sept. 11: Goffman and the Dramaturgical Perspective

Faculty guest: Abdi Kusow

“Erving Goffman never, to my knowledge, labeled himself a symbolic interactionist, but if we exclude him, we exclude our soul.”

—Gary Alan Fine (1990)

Core Readings

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Goffman, Erving. 1959. “Introduction” and “Performances.” Pp. 1-76 in *The Presentation of Self in Everyday Life*. Anchor Books.

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Herman, Nancy J. 1993. “Return to Sender: Reintegrative Stigma-Management Strategies of Ex-Psychiatric Patients.” *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography* 22(3):295-330.

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Background Reading

Edgley, Charles. 2003. “The Dramaturgical Genre.” Chapter 6 in Larry T. Reynolds and Nancy J. Herman-Kinney (eds.) *Handbook of Symbolic Interactionism*. Altamira Press.

Bonus Readings

More Articles by Goffman

Goffman, Erving. 1956. “Embarrassment and Social Organization.” *American Journal of Sociology* 62(3):264-271.

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Goffman, Erving. 1989. “On Fieldwork.” *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography* 18:123-132.

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Bracket, Kim Pettigrew. 2000. "Facework Strategies among Romance Fiction Readers." *The Social Science Journal* 37(3):347-360.

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Futrell, Robert. 1999. "Performative Governance: Impression Management, Teamwork, and Conflict Containment in City Commission Proceedings." *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography* 27(4):494-529.

Harding, David J. 2003. "Jean Valjean's Dilemma: The Management of Ex-Convict Identity in the Search for Employment." *Deviant Behavior* 24:571-595.

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(4) Wednesday, Sept. 18: Structural Symbolic Interactionism (Iowa and Indiana Schools)

Guest author: Jean McGuire

“The major axis of differentiation among symbolic interactionists has been, and is, between those who emphasize social structure as a major constraint and those who do not. Other differences... in aims, styles of research, and methods tend to follow from this major differentiation.”

—Sheldon Stryker (2003)

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(5) Wednesday, Sept. 25: Self and Identity

“Interactionists take seriously the proposition that human beings are creative problem solvers. We are not stuck with the world as it presents itself to us. We can evaluate our situations, mull over what to do about them, and formulate plans for changing them. We are not stuck with the way we are, either. We can shift identities as we move from one situation to another and, more dramatically, reinvent ourselves. In other words, people have selves. Symbolic interactionism is the sociological perspective that takes selves seriously.”

— David Schweingruber & Nancy Berns (2010)

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(6) Wednesday, Oct. 2: Emotions

Guest author: Nancy Berns

“Why is the emotive experience of normal adults in daily life as orderly as it is? Why, generally speaking, do people feel gay at parties, sad at funerals, happy at weddings? This question leads us to examine, not conventions of appearance or outward comportment, but conventions of feeling. Conventions of feeling become surprising only when we imagine, by contrast, what totally unpatterned, unpredictable emotive life might actually be like at parties, funerals, weddings, and in the family or work life of normal adults.”

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(7) Wednesday, Oct. 9: Doing Things Together

“Louis Wirth used to tell my cohort of graduate students at the University of Chicago that sociology studied what was true by virtue of the fact that people everywhere lived in groups. That definition seemed trivial and still would, if its implications were not so persistently ignored. We soon learned that it was not trivial because, taken seriously, it meant that you could not take seriously a lot of other commonly accepted ideas. Seeing things as the product of people doing things together makes a lot of other views less plausible and less interesting.”

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(11) Wednesday, Nov. 6: Deviance, Violence and Social Control

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“Deviance is one of the core concepts of sociology, cutting across and being integrated into our major theories and substantive fields. When we think of deviance, we refer not only to attitudes, behavior and conditions that lie outside the margins of acceptability, but to the very norms that cast them out, to the power structures of how folkways, mores and laws are created, and to the way that social control is attempted and achieved. Deviance is involved in key processes by which social order is maintained, as affirmations and re-affirmations of collective sentiment enhance social solidarity and stability. Deviance is also critically engaged in the dynamics of social change, as ideas and behavior move around and go in and out of currency. Finally, it is central to the hierarchy of social stratification, as it enables individuals and groups to raise themselves up and strike down their adversaries.”

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(12) Wednesday, Nov. 13: Social Problems

“From our point of view, the evidence that there is, for example, a crime problem is not that there is a high rate of crime or that the rate is higher than it used to be. Rather the evidence is that there are many individuals and groups complaining about various aspects of crime—violence in the streets, burglaries in the suburbs, corruption in the police force, etc.—and the activities of the myriad agencies that are mandated to do something about these complaints. The so-called ‘crime problem’ as a social problem, like that of the ‘generation gap,’ ‘pollution,’ ‘disadvantaged child,’ and others, is generated and sustained by the activities of complaining groups and institutional responses to them.”

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Appendix A: Suggested Books for Précis

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(9) Wednesday, Oct. 23: Inequality

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Morris, Edward W. 2012. *Learning the Hard Way: Masculinity, Place, and the Gender Gap*. Rutgers. (224 pp.)

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Wilkins, Amy C. 2008. *Wannabes, Goths, and Christians: The Boundaries of Sex, Style and Status*. Chicago. (281 pp.)

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Bonds, Eric. "Strategic Role Taking and the Political Struggle: Bearing Witness to the Iraq War." *Symbolic Interaction* 32(1):1-20. **(2008 Blumer Award winner)**

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