

Reading List for the Family Comprehensive Exam

This list is divided into primary and recommended readings. Everyone should know the primary readings; the recommended readings provide a stronger foundation of knowledge in the area but are not required. The readings are grouped according to theory, history, demography, and family process. It is also expected that you will supplement this list on your own, with readings you believe to assist in your own mastery of the field. It is hoped that this list will operate as a starting point for your discovery of the field and your development into a scholar of Family Sociology.

FAMILY

EARLY AND LATER CLASSICS

Primary

Becker, Gary S. 1981. *A Treatise on the Family*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.

Bott, Elizabeth. 1971. *Family and Social Network* (2nd edition). New York: Free Press.

Clignet, Remi. 1970. *Many Wives, Many Powers: Authority and Power in Polygynous Families*. Evanston, IL: Northwestern University Press.

Engels, Frederick. 1972. *The Origin of the Family, Private Property and the State*. New York: International.

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To follow up Goode's World Revolution and Family Patterns

[Goode's 1985 comments on his "citation classic" \(2 pages\)](http://www.garfield.library.upenn.edu/classics1985/A1985AJH4700001.pdf)

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Thomas, W.I., and F. Znaniecki 1918-20. *The Polish Peasant in Europe and America*. Chicago: Badger. Four or five volumes, but most of the bulk involves letters and a lengthy methodological note. Try to get a sense for this work by sampling, especially in volumes 1 and 2.

THEORY AND GENERAL FAMILY

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Elder, Glen H., Jr. 1999. *Children of the Great Depression: Social Change in Life Experience*. 25th Anniversary Edition. Boulder, CO: Westview Press. (Originally published in 1974, Chicago: University of Chicago Press.)

Huber, Joan, and Glenna Spitze. 1988. "Trends in Family Sociology." In Neil J. Smelser (ed.), *The Handbook of Sociology* (pp. 425-448). Newbury Park, CA: Sage.

Parsons, Talcott. 1949. "The Social Structure of the Family." In Ruth Nanda Anshen (ed.), *The Family: Its Function and Destiny* (pp. 173-201). New York: Harper.

Popenoe, David. 1988. *Disturbing the Nest: Family Change and Decline in Modern Societies*. New York: Aldine DeGruyter.

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Waite, L. J. 2000. "The Family as a Social Organization: Key Ideas for the 21st Century." *Contemporary Sociology*, Vol. 29 (3).

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- Hartmann, Heidi I. 1981. "The Family as the Focus of Gender, Class, and Political Struggles: The Example of Housework." *Signs* 6:366-394.
- Lasch, Christopher. 1977. *Haven in a Heartless World*. New York: Basic Books.
- Morgan, D. H. J. 1975. *Social Theory and the Family*. London; Boston: Routedledge and Kegan Paul.
- Poulson, Barry W. 1986. "The Family and the State: A Theoretical Framework." In Joseph R. Peden and Fred R. Glahe, *The American Family and the State* (pp. 49-80). San Francisco: Pacific Research Institute for Public Policy.

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- Hareven, Tamara K. 1978. *Transitions; The Family and the Life Course in Historical Perspective*. New York: Academic Press.
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- Tilly, Charles. 1987. "Family History, Social History, and Social Change." *Journal of Family History* 12:319-330.

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- Smith, Daniel Scott, and Michael S. Hindus. 1974-75. "Premarital Pregnancy in America 1640-1971: An Overview and Interpretation." *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 5:537-570.
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FAMILY PROCESS AND LINKAGES

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- Coan, James, John M. Gottman, Julia Bobcock, and Neil Jacobsen. 1997. "Battering and the Male Rejection of Influence from Women." *Aggressive Behavior* 23(5):375-388.
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