SC 550 Important Readings in Sociology

Prerequisite: Permission of the department
This course is designed as the first in the sequence of courses required of students who have been admitted into the Sociology Department's Undergraduate Honors Program.
Ordinarily, students will take this course during the spring of their junior year. The purpose of this seminar will be to read and discuss a series of books that are generally thought to be important contributions to the field. The books chosen will reflect a range of substantive issues, methodological approaches, and theoretical perspectives. The abiding question throughout this seminar class will be the following: What are the characteristics of powerful and compelling sociological work?

Reading List
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IMPORTANT READINGS IN SOCIOLOGY

1. On Being a Sociologist
   Mills, The Sociological Imagination

2. Doing In-Depth Interviews
   Karp, Is It Me or My Meds?

3. Doing Ethnography
   Dunieier, Slim’s Table

4. Doing Theory Construction
   Goffman, The Presentation of Self in Everyday Life

5. Analyzing Aggregate Data
   William Wilson, The Truly Disadvantaged

6. Doing Critical Essay Writing
   Derber, Corporation Nation