

*Announcing a 5-week course in June of 2019  
at Fordham University in Manhattan on \*\**



## *Urban psychology*

*"How does living in a large city impact us--our inner personality, outer behavior, values and relationships?" "What makes the New York City experience unique?"* This interdisciplinary urban studies course focuses on these two questions, including the methods and findings of behavioral research on: the origins and growth of cities, crowding, prosocial and antisocial behavior, primary and secondary relationships, ethnicity, happiness, deviance, pace of life, urban personality, the future of cities. This course meets 3 days weekly (Tues/ Wed/ Thurs), including 4 Wednesday field excursions in New York City.



**Harold Takooshian** is Professor of Psychology & Urban Studies at Fordham University in New York since 1975. A student of **Stanley Milgram**, he applies scientific methods to study city life. The field experiences will be led with noted Gothamist **Lee Michael Klein**.



*\*\* This is part of the Fordham summer program, May 28-June 27, 2019  
For background on this course, check [www.ratemyprofessor.com](http://www.ratemyprofessor.com)  
or [http://psyjournals.ru/en/social\\_psy/2014/n1/67192.shtml](http://psyjournals.ru/en/social_psy/2014/n1/67192.shtml)*

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## Urban Psychology \*

Readings: H. Takooshian (2005). (Ed.). *Social psychology of city life*. (Special issue).  
*Journal of Social Distress and the Homeless*, 14, 1-77.  
plus selected readings. surveys: <http://file-id.org/130614/1027>

May 28-June 27, T-W-R at 1-5 pm, LC room 602

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| Tue May 28  | Overview, DVD "The city and the self."<br>Approaches to city life  | Milgram'70; *Tak'98<br>*1-11; *Blass'05; Tak'05   |
| Wed 29      | <b>Lee M. Klein, "What makes NYC unique?"</b><br><b>Trip: Museum of NYC, Conservatory Gardens</b>          | *Jackson'10; Kasinitz'95  |
| Thur 30     | Urban psychology: History & current status   | Hutchison'10; Milgram'92; *Luo'04; *Tak'03a; Stark'05   |
| Tues June 4 | Urban research methods-1, 2. Practice exam.  | Haber'77; Cacciola'80; Vardi'09; Vardi'08; *Li'12<br>Sliwa'08; *Ostrowe'83; Fernandez'16; *Voronov'13   |
| Wed 5       | <b>High Line, Greenwich Village, Hudson Yard</b>   |   |
| Thur 6      | Cities: Past and current trends. [A]<br>Cities: Past and current attitudes. <b>EXAM 1</b> [B,C]            | Almanacs'94; Morganthau'91; *Marks'97; *AAAS'00<br>Steiner'76; Tak'77   |
| Tue 11      | Urban environments: Physical<br>Urban environments: Social   | 52-59; Glass'73; Bronzaft'05; *Tierney'91; Novikas'08<br>*Rahill'11; Walker'05  |
| Wed 12      | <b>Skyscraper Museum, Wall Street</b> [D]  | *Milgram'84   |
| Thur 13     | Secondary relations: Prosocial behavior.<br>Antisocial behavior. <b>EXAM 2</b> [E]                         | Latane'70; Haber'77; Alvarez'77; *Stebly'87; Tak'79;<br>Tak'03b; Genovese'05; *Sulzberger'10; Genovese'14<br>*Bulger'93; *Tak'07; Bodinger'82 |
| Tue 18      | Primary relations: [F]<br>Ethnicity, family, friends.<br>Panel: " <b>Healthy cities: NYC as a model?</b> " | 143-171; Tak'97; *Wilson'93   |
| Wed 19      | <b>United Nations, Grand Central, Times Square rooftop</b> [G]   |   |
| Thur 20     | Homo urbanus 1: values, faith, pathology, [H]<br>alienation, happiness, personality, deviance, pace        | 173-186   |
| Tue 25      | Homo urbanus 2: Crowding, stress, health.<br>Urban personality, pace of life, QOL                          | 186-199, Srole'62; *Srole'80; Miller/Philips'05<br>200-235, Levine'03; *Campbell'76; DeAngelis'13   |
| Wed 26      | Class research presentations [I]   |   |
| Thur 27     | <b>EXAM 3</b>  |   |

\* *The course grade is based on 2 of 3 exams, and the research report (33% each). Class participation is also considered. The schedule is flexible to allow for class discussion and guest speakers.  
The four NYC excursions on Wednesdays complement the course topics.*

*Suggested timetable for NYC research projects:*

*A consider topics; B select a topic; C decide a hypothesis & method; D begin intro & data;  
E end intro & data, F begin analysis & discussion; G end discussion; H Assemble entire draft.  
I 12-minute class presentations on June 26. Final report due on June 27. Early drafts accepted.*

# JOURNAL OF SOCIAL DISTRESS AND THE HOMELESS

## Special issue: Social psychology of city life

Volume 14, number 1 (January-March 2005)

### **Guest Editor: Harold Takooshian**

"What impact has city life on its individual residents--personality, values, behavior?" George Simmel's 1905 publication of "The metropolis and mental life" remains a seminal essay on this central yet neglected question. To salute the centenary of Simmel's essay, the *Journal of Social Distress and the Homeless* is offering a special issue in 2005, to gather data-based reviews on diverse aspects of city living.

Introduction: Urban psychology: Its history and current status  
**Harold Takooshian**, *Fordham University*

The urban psychology of Stanley Milgram  
**Thomas Blass**, *University of Maryland-Baltimore County*

An increase in noise and a decline in civility  
**Arline L. Bronzaft**, *Lehman College CUNY*

Urban stress and mental health: The impact of social context on resilience  
**Keva M. Miller & Michael H. Phillips**,  
*Fordham Graduate School of Social Service*

Human settlements and urban life: A United Nations perspective  
**Peter R. Walker**, *United Nations*

Remembering Catherine "Kitty" Genovese 40 years later: A public forum.  
**Harold Takooshian, Darren Bedrosian, John J. Cecero, Lynn Chancer, Andrew Karmen, Jim Rasenberger, Abraham M. Rosenthal, Charles E. Skoller, Curtis Sliwa, Joyce Stephen.**

