Announcing a 5-week course in June of 2017 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.

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** This is part of the Fordham summer program, May 30-June 29, 2017
For background on this course, check www.ratemyprofessor.com
or www.fordham.edu/info/21660/faculty_and_staff/5441/harold_takooshian
For advance details, contact Professor Takooshian at takoosh@aol.com

Details on Fordham-Manhattan, Summer 2017:
Summer: https://www.fordham.edu/info/25490/welcome_to_visiting_students
Housing: https://www.fordham.edu/info/20423/living_on_campus_at_lincoln_center
Tuition: 4 credits= $3,528, Luxe housing for 5 weeks in Manhattan: $1,180 double, $1,390 single
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plus selected readings.

May 30-June 29, T-W-R at 1-5 pm
Tue May 30 Overview, DVD "The city and the self." Approaches to city life Milgram'70; Tak'98 1-11; Blass'05; Tak'05; Hutchison'10
Wed 31 Lee M. Klein, "What makes NYC unique?" Trip: Museum of NYC, Covenant Gardens Jackson'10; Kasinitz'95

Thur June 1 Urban psychology: History & current status Haber'77; Cacciola'80; Vardi'09; Vardi'08; Li'12
Tues 6 Urban research methods-1, 2. Practice exam. Sliwa'08; Ostrowe'83; Fernandez'16

Wed 7 Wall Street, Skyscraper Museum, Tenement Museum

Thur 8 Cities: Past and current trends. [A] Cities: Past and current attitudes. EXAM 1 [B,C] Almanacs'94; Morganthau'91; Marks'97; AAAS'00 Steiner'76; Tak'77

Tue 13 Urban environments: Physical Urban environments: Social 52-59; Glass'73; Bronzaft'05; Tierney'91; Novikas'97 Rahill'11; Walker'05

Wed 14 Google, High Line, Greenwich Village [D]

Thur 15 Secondary relations: Prosocial behavior. Latane'70; Haber'77; Alvarez'77; Steblay'87; Tak'79; Tak'03a; Genovese'05; Sulzberger'10; Genovese'14 Bulger'93; Tak'07; Bodinger'82; O'Connor'84

Tue 20 Primary relations: [F] Ethnicity, family, friends. 143-171; Tak'97; Wilson'95 Panel: "Healthy cities: NYC as a model?"

Wed 21 United Nations, Grand Central, Times Square rooftop [G]

Thur 22 Homo urbanus 1: values, faith, pathology, [H] 173-186 alienation, happiness, personality, deviance, pace

Tue 27 Homo urbanus 2: Crowding, stress, health. Urban personality, pace of life, QOL 186-199; Srole'62; Srole'80; Miller/Philips'05 200-235; Levine'03; Campbell'76; DeAngelis'13

Wed 28 Class research presentations [I]

Thur 29 EXAM 3

* 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 28. Final report due on July 1. Early drafts accepted.
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Special issue: Social psychology of city life

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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
Arlene 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.