

Announcing a 5-week course in July of 2020  
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, **June 30-August 4, 2020***

*For background on this course, check [www.ratemyprofessors.com](http://www.ratemyprofessors.com)*

*or [http://psyjournals.ru/en/social\\_psy/2014/n1/67192.shtml](http://psyjournals.ru/en/social_psy/2014/n1/67192.shtml)*

*or [www.fordham.edu/downloads/file/8175/urban\\_psychology](http://www.fordham.edu/downloads/file/8175/urban_psychology)*

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### **Details on Fordham-Manhattan, Summer 2020:**

**Summer:** [www.fordham.edu/info/25490/welcome\\_to\\_visiting\\_students](http://www.fordham.edu/info/25490/welcome_to_visiting_students)

**Housing:** [www.fordham.edu/info/20189/registration\\_and\\_housing/465/tuition\\_and\\_fees](http://www.fordham.edu/info/20189/registration_and_housing/465/tuition_and_fees)

**Tuition: 4 credits= \$3,780, Luxe housing for 5 weeks in Manhattan: \$1,263 double, \$1,490 single**

Fordham University, July 2020  
Urban Psychology, PSYC3340 / URST3340  
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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>

June 30-Aug 4, T-W-R at 1-5 pm, LC room 602

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| Tue June 30 | Overview, DVD "The city and the self."<br>Approaches to city life  | Milgram'70; *Tak'98<br>*1-11; *Blass'05; Tak'05   |
| Wed July 1  | <b>Lee M. Klein, "What makes NYC unique?"</b><br><b>Trip: Museum of NYC, Conservatory Gardens</b>          | *Jackson'10; Kasinitz'95  |
| Thur 2      | Urban psychology: History & current status   | Hutchison'10; Milgram'92; *Luo'04; *Tak'03a; Stark'05   |
| Tue 7       | 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 8       | <b>High Line, Greenwich Village, Hudson Yard</b>   |   |
| Thur 9      | 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 14      | Urban environments: Social, Physical   | 52-59; Glass'73; Bronzaft'05; Novikas'08; McCampbell'07;<br>*Rahill'11; Walker'05; *Woroschinki'18; *Hartig'16                                |
| Wed 15      | <b>Skyscraper Museum, Wall Street [D]</b>  | *Milgram'84   |
| Thur 16     | Secondary relations: Prosocial behavior.<br><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 21      | Primary relations: [F]<br>Ethnicity, family, friends.<br>Panel: " <b>Healthy cities: NYC as a model?</b> " | 143-171; Tak'97; *Wilson'93   |
| Wed 22      | <b>United Nations, Grand Central, Times Square rooftop [G]</b>   |   |
| Thur 23     | Homo urbanus 1: values, faith, pathology, [H]<br>alienation, happiness, personality, deviance, pace        | 173-186   |
| Tue 28      | 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 29      | Class research presentations [I]   |   |
| Thur 30     | Class research presentations   |   |
| Aug 4       | <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 July 29. Final report due on August 4. 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.**

