Announcing a 5-week course in June of 2018 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, and Organizational Leadership 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 29-June 28, 2018**


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**Details on Fordham-Manhattan, Summer 2018:**

Summer: [https://www.fordham.edu/info/25490/welcome_to_visiting_students](https://www.fordham.edu/info/25490/welcome_to_visiting_students)

Housing: [https://www.fordham.edu/info/20423/living_on_campus_at_lincoln_center](https://www.fordham.edu/info/20423/living_on_campus_at_lincoln_center)

Tuition: 4 credits= $3,600, Luxe housing for 5 weeks in Manhattan: $1,180 double, $1,390 single (approx.)
Urban Psychology *


plus selected readings.  surveys: http://file-id.org/130614/1027

May 30-June 29, T-W-R at 1-5 pm, LC room 1004

Tue May 29  Overview, DVD "The city and the self." Approaches to city life

Milgram'70; *Tak'98

*Tak's*; *Blass'05; *Tak'05

Wed 30  Lee M. Klein, "What makes NYC unique?"

Trip:  Museum of NYC, Conservatory Gardens

*Jackson'10; Kasinitz'95

Thur 31  Urban psychology: History & current status

Hutchison'10; Milgram'92; *Luo'04; *Tak'03a; Stark'05

Tues June 5  Urban research methods-1, 2.  Practice exam.

Haber'77; Cacciola'80; Vardi'09; Vardi'08; *Li'12

Sliwa'08; *Ostrowe'83; Fernandez'16; *Voronov'13

Wed 6  High Line, Greenwich Village, Hudson Yard

Thur 7  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 12  Urban environments: Physical

Urban environments: Social

52-59; Glass'73; Bronzaft'05; *Tierney'91; Novikas'08

*Rahill'11; Walker'05

Wed 13  Skyscraper Museum, Wall Street [D]

*Milgram'84

Thur 14  Secondary relations: Prosocial behavior.

Latane'70; Haber'77; Alvarez'77; *Steblay'87; Tak'79;

Tak'03b; Genoves'e'05; *Sulzerber'10; Genoves'e'14

*Bulger'93; *Tak'07; Bodinger'82

Tue 19  Primary relations:

Ethnicity, family, friends.

143-171; Tak'97; *Wilson'93

Panel:  "Healthy cities: NYC as a model?"

Wed 20  United Nations, Grand Central, Times Square rooftop [G]

Thur 21  Homo urbanus 1: values, faith, pathology, [H]

alienation, happiness, personality, deviance, pace

173-186

Tue 26  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 27  Class research presentations  [I]

Thur 28  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 27. Final report due on June 28. Early drafts accepted.
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.