SOC 741: Social Structure and The Individual

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Required text:


September 1: Reciprocity of perspectives or common sense. Common sense categories. The notion of membership and co-membership. Read Harvey sacks’ “The baby cried and the mommy picked it up” handout.


September 15: An extension of Max Weber’s sociology of rational reasoning. A reflection.
**September 22:** Ethnomethological research and Michael Lynch and Eric Livingston. Laboratory science talk and the simple act of reading. Read samples of Lynch and Livingston. How do they compare to the study of Agnes?

**September 29:** Collection of ethnomethological and conversational materials, some ethical considerations. Voice recorders versus video cameras. The issue of insuring the anonymity of subjects. How to preserve the anonymity of subjects.

**October 6:** How to collect conversational materials. Show the video camera and voice recorder. Some examples.

**October 13:** How to transcribe materials. Read the appendix to Schegloff’s book.

**October 20:** Group transcription of Britt’s conversation materials.

**October 27:** Group transcription of student’s conversation materials.

**November 3:** Group transcription of student’s conversation materials.

**November 10:** Group transcription and analysis of a student’s conversation materials.

**November 17:** Presentation of student transcribed and analyzed conversations.

**November 24 (Holiday):** No class meeting.

**December 1:** Presentation of student transcribed and analyzed conversations.
December 8 (Last day of Instruction): Summary of
the course and evaluation and party.