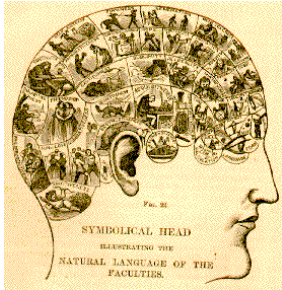


SYLLABUS

Dr. Lawrence Burns, 2219 ASH, 331-2862, Email burnsl@gvsu.edu
Class hours: Tu/Th—11:30-12:45, room 2120 AuSableHall

Office Hours: I am looking forward to meeting and talking with you this semester. I will be in my office Tuesdays and Thursdays after classes 12:50-2:00. If these times are not convenient, please speak with me so we can arrange an appointment.

Required Text: None—primary sources only.



Course Objectives: Psychology is a diverse area of study. Based on contemporary work, both theoretical and applied, this course will offer a survey of major viewpoints in psychology. Readings from other disciplines (biology, medicine, sociology, and philosophy, etc.) will be included to highlight various aspects of the study of psychology and its relation to other sciences.

Class Format: This is not a lecture class. This is a discussion-based course. I encourage you to ask questions and participate in classroom discussions. Your grade is based in part on your participation. Reading class material prior to class attendance will be required. Due to class format frequent absences from class may reduce your final grade.

Grading: Your final grade will be based on three (3) exams, eleven (11) write-ups and questions related to the assigned readings (submitted weekly), and class participation. Each exam will consist of a minimum of four (answer three) essay questions drawn from the readings and class discussions. Each exam will cover material from a particular section of the course, and will count equally toward your final grade. The third exam (given during finals week) will not be comprehensive. Each exam will count for 60 points. Questions & write-ups will be worth 187 points (11@17 points combined). Participation will be worth 57 points [19@3.0 of 22 (drop three of your choice)]. Thus, the maximum number of points you can gain for all exams, write-ups, questions, and participation is 424 points. You are guaranteed the following grade based on your total score:

Grade Point Distribution

393-424	A
384-392	A-
374-383	B+
348-373	B
340-347	B-
333-339	C+
307-332	C
297-306	C-
275-296	D+
255-274	D
<255	F

(Instructor reserves the right to increase by ½ grade for exceptional participation)

Make-up Exams: I will give make-up exams based on extenuating circumstances.

If you have any condition, such as a physical or mental disability, which will make it difficult for you to carry out the work as outlined, or which will require extra time on examinations, please notify me in the first week of the course so that we can make appropriate arrangements.

Due to the discussion-based format of the course—please, no computer use/cell phone texting during class time.

Emergency Procedures:

Fire: Immediately proceed to the nearest exit during a fire alarm. Do not use elevators.

More information is available on the University's Emergency website located at <http://www.gvsu.edu/emergency>

Course processes (3)

I. **Weekly essays.** (15 points for all articles- each week)

What is the point of the article? Focus on the theoretical premise of each article. You may (briefly) discuss the methodological strengths and weaknesses of the article, but this is not to be a “book report” or simple reiteration of the article. Please make sure each of your essays provides a concise synthesis of the article. Based on the article, what is your impression of the author(s) perspective, and why? Explain and apply the material, findings, and/or data within each of the readings (please see Bb for several examples).

→Use the *weekly grade sheet* as your cover sheet for each set of weekly write-ups (attached as well as posted on Bb) and *assemble your essays in the exact order as on Bb*.

Use APA style for each write-up. Use the author’s name as the header along with page number, center the title of each paper being reviewed on the first line, and place the bibliographic listing as the final lines of each essay).

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Title centered → Human nature and culture: An evolutionary psychological perspective	
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Buss, D.M. (2001). Human nature and culture: An evolutionary psychological perspective. <i>Journal of Personality</i> , 69, 955-978.	

→Feel free to use smaller font (to make it all fit on one page) and to use both sides of the page to save paper.

→* denotes a half-page write-up.

Your weekly write-ups are due by the end of class each Tuesday.

Late papers lose 3 points a day starting Tuesday after class.

I am unable to accept any papers via email. Period.

Please note (General Academic Policies, p.78; 1996-1997) **Plagiarism** is "Any ideas or material taken from another source... must be fully acknowledged... sentences or paragraphs... any student who fails to give credit, is guilty of **plagiarism**." "Such activity (**plagiarism**) may result in failure of a specific assignment, an entire course, or if flagrant, dismissal from GVSU."

II. **Weekly Questions?** (2 points)

Based upon your reading and personal beliefs list a minimum of three questions related to the articles (as a whole, **not** three per article), but they need to come from at least three (3) different articles assigned for the week (list source for each question). Please consider asking questions about aspects of any given paper that move you, or confuse you.

These will be due by 5:00 p.m. each Monday via email.

No credit will be provided for questions delivered after 5:00 p.m. → 5:05 p.m. is late = zero (0) credit.

Please do not delay! (You may feel free to send them in on Sundays if you like.)

→ **Please place a header** on your e-mail "**Psy-492 -- Section XX -- Questions**"

Send these in the main body of your email—do not use an attachment.

III. **Participation** (up to 3.0 points per class, excluding three 'skips' and review sessions/exams)

See participation handout on Bb for specific grading criteria.



Section I Umwelt - our model of the world around us

August 30th Introduction of material & September 1st Review of Models

September 8th **Review only** (no write ups & no questions):

Kohn, A. (1984). Existentialism here and now. *The Georgia Review*, 38(2), 381-97.

Wong, P. T. P. (2010). What is existential positive psychology? *International Journal of Existential Psychology & Psychotherapy*, 3(1), 1-10.

→ **REMEMBER to read all papers in the order as presented on Bb!**

September 13th **Mirror, mirror, on the wall...is what ~~others~~ you see, who 'you' are?**

Alpers, B. L. (2005). Angst in America, *Reviews in American History*, 33 (2), 293-299.

*Buss, D. M. (2001). Human nature and culture: An evolutionary psychological perspective. *Journal of Personality*, 69, 955-978.

Cushman, P. (1990). Why the self is empty toward a historically situated psychology. *American Psychologist*, 5, 599-611.

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*Hayasaki, E. (2016) In a perpetual present. *Wired*, April. <http://www.wired.com/2016/04/susie-mckinnon-autobiographical-memory-sdam/>

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*Leary, M.R. (2004). Editorial: What is the self? A plea for clarity. *Self and Identity*, 3, 1-3.

*Starmans, C. & Bloom, P. (2011). What do you think you are? *Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences*, 1234, 44-47.

Stocker, S. (2001). Disability and identity. *Frontiers*, 22, 154-173.

September 20th **Is lying a social necessity?**

*Kinsley, M. (2001). In defense of denial. *Time*, December, 72-73.

Levine, T. R., Kim, R. K., & Hamel, L. M. (2010). People lie for a reason: Three experiments documenting the principle of veracity. *Communication Research Reports*, 27 (4), 271-285.

*Pontari, B. A. & Schlenker, B. R. (2006). Helping friends manage impression: We like helpful liars but respect nonhelpful truth tellers. *Basic and Applied Social Psychology*, 28, 177-183.

Saxe, L. (1991). Lying. *American Psychologist*, 46, 409-415.

Turner, M. W. (2008). Particles in suspension. *The Lion and the Unicorn*, 32, 148-154.

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September 27th **Can normal ever be amazing; is perfect really the enemy of the good?**

Boysan, M., & Kiral, E. (2016). An investigation into the interactions between positive and negative aspects of personality, perfectionism, coping, and locus of control: A latent profile analysis. *Sleep and Hypnosis*, 18(2), 53-64.

Greenspon, T. S. (2000). "Healthy perfectionism" is an oxymoron! *The Journal of Secondary Gifted Education*, 4, 197-208.

Hamachek, D. E. (1978). Psychodynamics of normal and neurotic perfectionism. *Psychology*, 15, 27-33.

Hanson, M. J. (1999). Indulging anxiety: Human enhancement from a Protestant perspective. *Christian Bioethics*, 5(2), 121-138.

*Huss-Ashmore, R. (2000). "The real me": Therapeutic narrative in cosmetic surgery. *Expedition*, 42(3), 26-37.

*Iwata, E. (1997). Race without face. In David N. Sattler and Virginia Shabatay (Eds.) *Psychology in Context* (pp. 286-291). New York, NY: Houghton Mifflin Company.

*Mini Cooper. (2016, August 22). Mini: Not Normal [Advertisement]. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zVlKk8LrT3Q>

October 4th **It is not love that is blind, but jealousy—Lawrence Durrell**

Deri, J. (2015). Polyagony: An exploration of jealousy. In *Love's Refraction: Jealousy and Compersion in Queer Women's Polyamorous Relationships* (pp. 16-38). Toronto, ON, CAN: University of Toronto Press.

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Krasnova, H., Wenninger, H., Widjaja, T., & Buxmann, P. (2013). Envy on Facebook: A hidden threat to users' life satisfaction? Paper presented at the 11th International Conference on Wirtschaftsinformatik (WI), Leipzig, Germany.

*Salovey, P. & Rodin, J. (1985). The heart of jealousy. *Psychology Today*, 19(9), 22-29.

Van De Ven, N., Zeelenberg, M., & Pieters, R. (2011). The envy premium in product evaluation. *Journal of Consumer Research*, 37, 984-998.

Van Dijk, W. W., Ouwerkerk, J. W., Goslinga, S., Nieweg, M., & Gallucci, M. (2006). When people fall from grace: Reconsidering the role of envy in *Schadenfreude*. *Emotion*, 6, 156-160.

*Whitty, M. T., & Quigley, L. (2011). Emotional and sexual infidelity offline and in cyberspace. *Journal of Marital and Family Therapy*, 34(4), 461-468.

October 11th review & October 13th Exam 1



Section II Mitwelt - our interpersonal world

October 18th

"Lust is when you love what you see. Love is when you lust for what's inside" - Renee Conkle

- Fisher, H. (2004). Why we love. *Web of love: Lust, romance, and attachment* (pp 77-98). New York: Henry Holt and Company.
- Hansbury, G. (2004). Sexual TNT: A transman tells the truth about testosterone. *Journal of Gay and Lesbian Psychotherapy*, 8, 7-18.
- Illouz, E. (1998). The lost innocence of love. *Theory, Culture, & Society*, 15(3-4), 161-186.
- *Isenberg, S. (2000). Why women love killers. *Women who love men who kill* (pp. 124-141). Lincoln, NE: iUniverse.com.
- Johnson, S. (2007). Promoting easy sex without genuine intimacy: Maxium and Cosmopolitan cover lines and cover images. In Mary-Lou Galician and Debra L. Merskin (Eds.) *Critical Thinking about Sex, Love, and Romance in the Mass Media*. (pp. 55-73). New Jersey, LEA, Publishers.
- *Remington, T. (2011, April 28). Lars and the real girl: Lifelike positive transcendence. SAGE Open, 1-10. Retrieved August 22, 2016, from <http://sgo.sagepub.com/content/early/2011/04/28/2158244011408346>

October 25th

Relationships: Boon or Boondoggle?

- *Beck, M. (2002). Silly love songs. *Oprah Magazine*, 57-59.
- Baiocco, R., Santamaria, F., Lonigro, A., Ioverno, S., Baumgartner, E., & Laghi, F. (2014). Beyond similarities: Cross-gender and cross-orientation best friendship in a sample of sexual minority and heterosexual young adults. *Sex Roles*, 70, 110-121.
- *Bernstein, E. (2009, August 25). How facebook ruins friendships. *The Wall Street Journal*. Retrieved August 22, 2016 from <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970204660604574370450465849142.html>
- Drigotas, S. M. (2002). The Michelangelo Phenomenon and personal well-being. *Journal of Personality*, 1, 59-77.
- Kanat-Maymon, Y., Roth, G., Assor, A., & Raizer, A. (2015). Controlled by love: The harmful relational consequences of perceived conditional regard. *Journal of Personality* (in press).
- Reeder, H. M. (2000). 'I like you...as a friend': The role of attraction in cross-sex friendship. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, 1, 329-348.

October 28th Last day to drop with a "W"

November 1st

I'll never do that when I'm a parent; are parents' dreams destined to be undone (notes to ~~from~~ myself) ?

- Cain, A. C. (2006). Parent suicide: Pathways of effects into the third generation. *Psychiatry*, 69, 204-227.
- Donner, M. B. (2006). Tearing the child apart. *Psychoanalytic Psychology*, 23, 542-553.
- *Fritzsche, I., Jonas, E., Fischer, P., Koranyi, N., Berger, N., & Fleischmann, B. (2007). Mortality salience and the desire for offspring. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, 43, 753-762.
- *Gil-Flores, J., Padilla-Carmona, M. T., & Suárez-Ortega, M. (2011). Influence of gender, educational attainment and family environment on the educational aspirations of secondary school students. *Educational Review*, 63(3), 345-363.
- *Lahey, J. (2015). When success leads to failure. *The Atlantic*, August, <http://www.theatlantic.com/education/archive/2015/08/when-success-leads-to-failure/400925/>
- McKinney, C. & Renk, K. (2008). Differential parenting between mothers and fathers: Implications for late adolescents. *Journal of Family Issues*, 29(6), 806-827.
- *Obeidat, H. M., Hamlan, A. M., & Callister, L. C. (2014). Missing motherhood: Jordanian women's experiences with infertility. *Advances in Psychiatry*, 1-7.

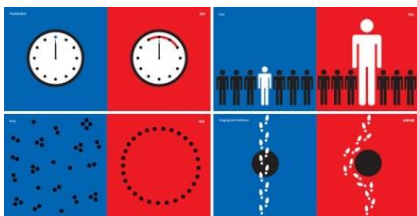
November 8th

Loss and Grief: Do we ever really 'get over it'?

- Bering, J. (2008). The end? Why so many of us think our minds continue on after we die. *Scientific American Mind*, 19(5), 34-41.
- Foster, T. L., Gilmer, M. J., Davies, B., Dietrich, M. S., Barrera, M., Fairclough, D. L., Vannatta, K. & Gerhardt, C. A. (2011). Comparison of continuing bonds reported by parents and siblings after a child's death from cancer, *Death Studies*, 35(5), 420-440.
- *Lester, D. (2005). On Being happy that someone has committed suicide. *Crisis*, 26, 95-96.
- *Maynard, B. (2016, August 22). Death with dignity [Compassion & Choices]. <http://www.nbcnews.com/health/health-news/death-dignity-advocate-brittany-maynard-dies-oregon-n235091> (part one if you have an interest <http://www.nbcnews.com/health/cancer/why-newlywed-brittany-maynard-ending-her-life-three-weeks-n221731>)
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- *Wrobel, T. A. & Dye, L. A. (2003). Grieving pet loss: Normative, gender, and attachment issues. *Omega*, 47(4), 385-393.

November 15th Review &

November 17th Exam 2



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Section III **Eigenwelt - our identity-things that define us**

November 22nd **Can money buy happiness? ~ Can you be in the 'right place at the right time'?**

- *Biswas-Diener, R. & Diener, E. (2001). Making the best of a bad situation: Satisfaction in the slums of Calcutta. *Social Indicators Research*, 55, 329-352.
- Bright, J., Pryor, R., & Harpham, L. (2005). The role of chance events in career decision making. *Journal of Vocational Behavior*, 66, 561-576.
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November 29th **Person or Profession: Can you have one without the other?**

- *Carpenter, D. A. & Hodge, K. A. (2014). You are not good enough. *Journal of Case Studies*. 32(1), 60-64.
- *Colaner, C. W. & Giles, S. M. (2008). The baby blanket or the briefcase: The impact of evangelical gender role ideologies on career and mothering aspirations of female evangelical college students. *Sex Roles*, 58(7-8), 526-534.
- Hunter, I., Dik, B. J., & Banning, J. H. (2010). College students' perceptions of calling in work and life: A qualitative analysis. *Journal of Vocational Behavior*, 76, 178-186.
- *Landrum, R. E., Hettich, P. I., & Wilner, A. (2010). Alumni perceptions of workforce readiness. *Teaching of Psychology*, 37, 97-106.
- Wilcock, A. A. (1999). Reflections on doing, being, and becoming. *Australian Occupational Therapy Journal*, 46, 1-11.
- Wojdylo, K. K., Baumann, N., Fischbach, L., & Engeser, S. (2014). Live to work or love to work: Work craving and work engagement. *PLoS ONE*, 9(10), 1-7.

December 6th **American Pop Culture: Cult or Culture? Or, reflections on a curious life.**

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Final Exam

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