

Health Services 206  
Latino Health Policy Research: Theory, Method & Data

Course Syllabus

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Class time: Monday, 12:00-3:00 pm  
Class Meets at: 924 Westwood Blvd., Suite 730

### Course Objectives

The course will acquaint students with theory, method and data pertaining to Latino health policy issues. The choice of a theoretical framework used to analyze Latino health and behavior often influences what one sees in the data. Theories of the urban underclass, the contrast of modern and traditional societies, the culture of poverty, and the folk society model will be analyzed as examples of such theoretical frameworks. Students will be introduced to various primary datasets against which to check these theoretical models (e.g. summary Birth File, Summary Death File, Hospital Discharge file, Census files, etc.). Population projections will examine the growth in the Latino population. Data will be presented indicating that the dynamics of the Latino and non-Latino population are different because of different fertility, mortality, and immigration patterns. The effects of immigration on California will be examined and contrasted with public perceptions. Population characteristics such as educational levels, income, labor force participation, unemployment, income levels, sources of income, and language will be examined. Birth outcomes—affected by such factors as access to prenatal care, birth weight, and infant mortality—will be examined. Patterns of communicable diseases, such as tuberculosis, hepatitis and others will be compared for Latinos and non-Latinos. The built-in assumptions about theories, methods and data that underlie a number of policy issues will be discussed (e.g. that the current Emergency Room crisis is due to large numbers of undocumented immigrants; etc.)

### Course Readings

Text: David E. Hayes-Bautista, *La Nueva California: Latinos in the Golden State*. (University of California Press, 2004).

Reader: To be purchased at the Course Reader Materials

### Course Requirements

Student performance in the course will be evaluated through participation in class discussion (30 percent) and a final paper/presentation (70 percent).

### Topic Schedule

Oct. 4  
Week 1

Topic: Latinos as a Race: Changing Census Definitions

Datasets: 2000 PUMS, CPS 2002

Readings: *La Nueva California*: chapter 1, "America Defines Latinos, 1940-1965", pp 14-37; Chapter 2: "Latinos Reject America's Definitions, 1965-1975", pp.58-88

. Hayes-Bautista, David E.; Chapa, Jorge. 1986. "Latino terminology: conceptual bases for standardized terminology" *American Journal of Public Health*, 77(1):61-68

. U.S. Census. 1996. *Building a Spanish Surname List for the 1990's---A New Approach to an Old Problem*.

Washington, D.C.: Population Division, Technical Working Paper No. 13, March

. U.S Census. 2000. *Overview of Race and Hispanic Origin*. Issued March 2001.

Oct. 11  
Week 2

Topic: Theories on Latino Culture

Datasets: 2000 PUMS, SF 3

Readings: *La Nueva California*: chapter 3 "Washington Defines a Minority, 1965-1975, pp 58-88,

. Harrington, Michael. 1993. *The Other America: Poverty in the United States*. New York: Macmillan Publishing Company

. Lewis, Oscar. 1959. *Five Families: Mexican Case Studies in the Culture of Poverty*. New York: Basic Books

. Rainwater, Lee and Yancey, William L. 1967. *The Moynihan Report and the Politics of Controversy*. Cambridge: MIT Press

. US General Accounting Office. 1990. *The Urban Underclass: Disturbing Problems Demanding Attention*.

Washington DC: GAO/HRD 90-52

. Auletta, Ken. 1983. *The UnderClass*. New York: Random House.

Oct. 18  
Week 3

No Class (schedule conflict)

Oct. 25  
Week 4

Topic: Minority Health Disparity Model

Datasets: CA Dept. Health Service Query - Mortality

Readings: *La Nueva California*: chapter 4 "Latinos Define Latinos, 1975-1990", pp 89-117,

. Health Resources Administration. 1979. *Health Status of Minorities and Low Income Groups*. Washington DC: DHEW Publication No. (HRA) 79-627

. Office of Minority Health. 1998. *Eliminating Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health*. Available at <http://www.raceandhealth.hhs.gov/sidebars/sbinitover.htm>. Accessed August 17, 2000

. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. 1985. *Report of the Secretary's Task Force on Black and Minority Health. Volume I: Executive Summary*.. Washington DC: US Government Printing Office: 1985 491-313/44706

Nov. 1  
Week 5

Topic: Issues of Immigration

Datasets: Department of Finance data sets

Readings: *La Nueva California*, Chapter 5, "Times of Crisis": pp. 118-147

. Hayes-Bautista, David E; Schink, Werner O.; and Rodriguez, Gregory. 1994. *Latino Immigrants in Los Angeles: A Portrait from the 1990 Census*. Los Angeles: Community Partners

. Urban Research Section. 1992. *Impact of Undocumented Persons and Other Immigrants on County Services and Costs*. Los Angeles: Urban Research Section.

Nov. 8  
Week 6

Topic: Issues of Assimilation

Datasets: CA Dept. Health Service Query – Birth, Master Birth File,

Readings: *La Nueva California*: chapter 6, "Latinos Define 'American'". Pp. 148-176

. Williams, Ron L.; Binkins, N.J.; Clingman, E.J.. 1986. "Pregnancy outcomes among Spanish-surname women in California" *American Journal of Public Health*, 76:387-391  
. Gordon, MM. 1964. *Assimilation in American Life: The Role of Race, Religion and National Origins*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Nov. 15  
Week 7

Topic: Issues of Health Coverage/Access

Datasets: Hospital Discharge data, CA Health Interview Survey,

Readings: *La Nueva California*: Chapter 7, "Creating a Regional American identity", pp.177-201

. American College of Physicians-American Society of Internal Medicine, 2000.*No Health Insurance? It's Enough to Make You Sick. Latino Community at Great Risk*. Philadelphia: American College of Physicians: White Paper.

. Brown, E. Richard; Ponce, Ninez; Rice, Thomas; Lavarreda, Shana Alex. 2002. *The State of Health Insurance in California: Findings from the 2001 California Health Interview Survey*. UCLA: Center for Health Policy Research

Nov. 22  
Week 8

Topic: Health Man Power – Physician Shortage

Datasets: American Medical Association Physician Masterfile

Readings: *La Nueva California*: Chapter 8, "Best Case and Worst Case Scenarios, California, 2040" pp.208-228

. Hayes-Bautista, David E.; Hsu, Paul; Hayes-Bautista, Maria; Stein, Robert M.; Dowling, Patrick;

Beltran, Robert; Villagomez, Juan. 2000. Latino physician supply in California: sources, locations and projections. *Academic Medicine*, 75(7):727-736

Nov. 29

Week Topic: Farmworker Profile and Communicable Diseases

Datasets: SF 3, Master Death File

Readings: Hayes-Bautista, David E. "The Latino Health Research Agenda for the Twenty-first Century." *Latinos Remaking America*. Ed. Suarez-Orozco, Marcelo and Paez, Mariela M. Los Angeles: University of California Press, 2002. 215-235.

. Hayes-Bautista D, Hsu P, Perez A, Sosa, L, *The Hepatitis A Burden in California's Latino Children*. UCLA: Center For The Study of Latino Health and Culture. 2002.

Dec. 6  
Week 10.

Final presentations