

**Summer 2017**

**SOCIOLOGY 201B**

5 Credits (I&S) : SLN 13510

Monday/Wednesday 9:10-11:20am

# THE SELF, EMOTIONS, AND SOCIETY



- How do our emotions shape our outward identities and sense of self?
- What is the social function of a particular behavior? For example, why do people swear?
- What is the social function of a particular emotion? For example, what is the sociological explanation for embarrassment?

The focus of this course is to examine the key arguments, themes, and concepts in the field of social psychology, a sub-field of sociology, which analyzes social behaviors, interactions, and situations just like the concert you attended. This course will delve into how society plays a role in our individual thoughts, feelings, and actions, but also how these individual aspects influence the way a society functions. This course will be divided into three main sections: the self, emotions, and society.

We will frame these ideas by first learning the basics of sociological methods of research and key social-psychological theories. Using sociological methodologies and theories, we will thoroughly examine the self, emotions, and society in a way that will allow you to apply these analytical methods to other areas of sociology and research in the future.

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