

## EDUCATION 240-3 SOCIAL ISSUES IN EDUCATION

Spring 1986                          Instructor: Suzanne DeCastell  
Mondays and Wednesdays              Location: Images Theatre  
11:30 - 12:20  
Plus one hour of tutorial per week.

### OBJECTIVES:

1. To provide a broad base of information about schooling as a social institution, with specific focus on B.C. and Canada.
2. To outline various perspectives on the aims and practices of the public school.
3. To supply background knowledge in the foundational areas of sociology, political theory, philosophy and psychology as these impinge on a critical investigation of concerns and controversies within contemporary educational debate.

### TOPICS:

- Historical overview of education in B.C.
- The structure of the B.C. educational system.
- The curriculum.
- Issues of race, sex and class.
- Streaming and Testing
- Giftedness, vocationalism, disability.
- Images of Education in the popular media.

### REQUIRED TEXTS

Canadian Education in the '80's (ed) J. Donald Wilson  
Detselig Press, 1981.

Achievement and Inequality in Education (ed) June Purvis and Margaret Hales, Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1983.

### COURSE EQUIPMENT

Students will be expected to complete all assigned readings. Assessment will be based on five assignments; 5 short (500 words) assignments worth 10% each, and 2 longer (2,000 words) papers worth 25%.

# SEPTEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	Labour Day [University closed]	Fall semester commences			
1 AQ 5/4/25	2	3	4	5	6
	8 1st Class: <u>Intro to Social Issues</u> Read: Intro to Purvis & Hale's Achievement & Inequality in Education	9	10 <u>Setting the Stage</u> Dramatis Personae Read: Williams' "Rules for all the Ranks and Food for Every Mind"	11 <u>Off auto: consensus + conflict</u> dramaturgical theory of action	12
	14	15 Models of <u>Schooling</u> Read: Johnson "Really Useful Knowledge; Gaskell & Lazerson "Between School and Work"	16	17 <u>Ways of Seeing</u> Film: "The Eye of the Storm" Read: Garfinkel, H. "Conditions of Successful Degradation and Ceremonies here."	18
	21 Vocational - vocation Academic - school professions - home	22 <u>Racism:</u> Individual & Institutional Read: Vera P. John "Styles of Learning..." and Susan U. Phillips "Participant Structures..."	23	24 <u>Looking Backwards</u> Video: Eye of the Storm, Revisited Reading: Catch Up!	25
	28 The confector Socialize Selection + stratification	29 Educating & Socializing Guest lecture by Tom Walker Read: "Conversations Between Teachers"	30		
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3	We Have Ways. Testing/ Stratification	4				
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10	School Knowledge and Social Class	11	Remembrance Day (University closed)			
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24	Everything You've Always Wanted to Know About Gender... But Were Afraid to Ask.	25				
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5 Video:  
Stephen J.  
Gould

Read: S.J. Gould,  
"Louis Terman and  
the Mass Marketing  
of Inmate I.Q."

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Karen Gaffey  
~~Teaching  
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Read: Keddie,  
"Classroom  
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12 Film:  
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# DECEMBER CALENDAR

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1 Children's Rights Film: Sexual Abuse of Children: No More Secrets (NFB)	2	3 FINAL REVIEW (and Farewell Address)	4	5 Fall semester classes end	
7	8 Exam 25%	9	10	11 ?	12
14	15	16 Fall semester exams begin	17	18	19
21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day (University closed)	26 Boxing Day (University closed)
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