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**SOCIAL STRATIFICATION (INCLUDING GENDER AND RACE/ETHNIC STRATIFICATION)
DOCTORAL EXAMINATION READING LIST**

Using this list: The basis for this list is the syllabus for Sociology 230 (Social Stratification). It does not include all important papers and books in the area of social stratification. Neither is it necessary for you to read every page listed here. We have tried to outline for you some of the major topics in social stratification, along with some of the central works addressing those topics and commentary and debate about them. You should consider this list, then, as a guide to the field rather than a complete inventory of what you need to know (and beyond which you don't need to explore). In answering questions on the exam, you may use what you know that isn't on the list as well as what is on it. To prepare for the doctoral exam, you should think about what the major questions are in the area. Looking at questions from old exams and from Soc. 230, as well as using this list, will help you do this.

Reader (these are a good source for better-known articles and chapters):

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