

Social Contexts of Educational Policy, Politics & Practice

EDST 577, Section 081 (SCPE core course)

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Course Description

Welcome to EDST 577. In this seminar we will examine such questions as: What is educational policy? Can research help solve social problems? If so, how: Through finding technical solutions to social problems or advocacy? Should policy analysts take social problems as given, or should they study the social construction of these problems? Which voices are dominant and which ones absent in the educational policy process? Who benefits from educational policy and who loses? What are the intended and unintended consequences of educational policy? In the course, we will examine the process of policy making as well as some persistent themes in educational policy (such as equalizing opportunity, providing more choice) through case studies of specific policy issues and the social contexts from which they emerge.

Meeting & Assignment Due Dates

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| Sept. 2 | — | Introduction; metaphors of policy |
| Sept. 9 | — | What is policy? Who makes policy? Different approaches to understanding and researching policy ** learning contracts due in class & via email ** |
| Sept. 16 | — | The construction of public problems; discourse analysis |
| Sept. 23 | — | Governance frameworks; policy settlements; neoliberalism |
| Sept. 30 | — | Democracy, culture, and the politics of difference ** policy comparison (website) assignment due in class ** |
| Oct. 7 | — | Dimensions of social justice in education |
| Oct. 14 | — | Aboriginal education policy |
| Oct. 21 | — | Gender equality policy in education |
| Oct. 28 | — | Policy alternatives: “Prefigurative practice,” “real utopias” |
| Nov. 4 | — | Framing and counter-framing |
| Nov. 11 | — | Remembrance Day – university closed |
| Nov. 18 | — | Policy activism |
| Nov. 25 | — | Student presentations (format TBD; maybe gallery walk) |
| Dec. 1 | — | ** final assignment/s due via email ** |

Course Objectives

EDST 577 is designed to provide learning opportunities that will assist participants to:

- Explore the everyday of policy in your lives;
- Examine educators as policy actors;
- Understand policy and policy activism;
- Explore current educational policy debates;
- Examine alternative framing of educational policy;
- Understand the connection between politics and policy and the competing interests involved in the educational policy arena;
- Analyze global policies within local contexts;
- Be familiar with different approaches to educational policy research including from indigenous perspectives.

Course Requirements & Evaluation

NOTE: I encourage you to work together with other members of the class on any assignment. If you elect to do this, you will receive a group mark.

Policy Comparison Assignment, 20% of the final mark **5 typed, double-spaced pages, due on September 30.**

From the [list of suggested websites](#) provided, choose two and explore their policy fields:

1. Clarify why you have chosen these two websites and how you intend to compare them.
2. Discuss in a meaningful way the discourses in use and the intended audiences.
3. Look at, and discuss, the condensation symbols that are used.
4. Consider whether you can identify discursive frames that limit what can be discussed (e.g., unheard voices, missing policy alternatives), hidden assumptions, one or more of Thompson's modes of operation of ideology, contradictions, or suspicious numbers.
5. Most importantly, base your discussion on readings from the course and class discussions; support your ideas with the relevant concepts and theories (citing where appropriate).
6. Reflect on the potential contribution of these policies/websites to your own work.
7. Reflect on the limitations of these websites.

Evaluation criteria:

- Readable (well organized, concise, proofread for grammar, spelling, and punctuation errors)
- Makes a clear argument (e.g., supports claims, makes clear transitions)
- Attends to social context and power
- Demonstrates understanding of, and makes meaningful connections to, concepts, arguments, and examples learned through reading, class discussion, or practice
- Includes your insights and conclusions

Suggestions for the Other Assignment(s) to Comprise 80% of the Final Mark:

What follows are some suggested assignments, evaluation criteria, and sample outlines of [learning contracts](#), with suggested weights for various assignments. Students should think about the type of assignment(s) that would best suit their needs and then indicate in a short learning contract how much they would like to weight each assignment. Learning contracts will be due via email and in class no later than Tuesday, September 9.

Suggestion #1:
An assignment that allows you to apply what you have learned

Short Essay (5 typed, double-spaced pages)

Option A: Choose a specific policy from a website of any school district (e.g., a school district's safe schools policy, special education/ inclusion, an Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement), federal, provincial or territorial government, or the website of the World Bank (www.worldbank.org), UNESCO, or the OECD. Download the entire policy document. Examine this policy based on the readings assigned for the course.

1. In your analysis, refer to the gender, ethnic, racial, socioeconomic, (dis)ability, sexuality, and political underpinnings of the policy.
2. Analyze the implications of the policy for different social groups.
3. Point to the ethical issues involved.

Option B: Choose a policy document from your workplace and analyze the policy as well as the responses to it from internal and external interest groups.

Option C: Examine *UBC Statement on Respectful Environment for Students, Faculty and Staff* (2014) and draft a response to the document.

<http://www.hr.ubc.ca/respectful-environment/files/UBC-Statement-on-Respectful-Environment-2014.pdf>

Option D: Examine the BC Ministry of Education website *E.R.A.S.E Bullying: Expect Respect, and a Safe Education* (2012) and draft a response.

<http://www.erasebullying.ca/index.php>

Evaluation criteria:

- Readable (well organized, concise, proofread for grammar, spelling, and punctuation errors)
- Demonstrates an understanding of a policy from multiple perspectives
- Uses concepts, arguments, and examples learned through reading, class discussion, or practice
- Includes your insights and conclusions

Suggestion #2:
**An assignment that allows you to do an in-depth, focused inquiry into
an educational policy of your choosing**

Research Paper (15 typed, double-spaced pages)

Evaluation criteria:

- Readable (well organized, concise, proofread for grammar, spelling, and punctuation errors)
- Demonstrates an understanding of the pertinent literature
- Draws from multiple sources and perspectives, including those that may question the “official story”
- Discusses aspects of the social context relevant to the policy issue under scrutiny
- Uses concepts, arguments, and examples learned through reading, class discussion, or practice
- Includes your insights and conclusions

Suggestion #3:
**An assignment that allows you to analyze and reflect upon a set of
readings, experiences, concepts, and beliefs**

Short Essay (5 typed, double-spaced pages)

Option A: How does a set of reading(s) we have discussed enlarge your understanding of a personal experience?

Option B: Use one or more of the concepts presented in class to analyze something you care about.

Option C: Review your first two assignments:

1. Reflect on their contributions to your understanding of policy.
2. How will these contributions inform your practice?
3. Relate your discussion to the literature we reviewed in class.

Evaluation criteria:

- Readable (well organized, concise, proofread for grammar, spelling, and punctuation errors)
- Demonstrates an understanding of the pertinent literature and uses it to analyze a particular policy or policy setting
- Uses concepts, arguments, and examples learned through reading, class discussion, or practice to derive analytic insight into a policy or policy setting
- Includes your insights and conclusions

Suggestion #4:
An assignment that involves an Education Policy Autobiography

Short Essay (5 typed, double-spaced pages)

Option A: For this assignment feel free to use visuals to accompany your writing. Visuals could include a photo collage, a video, or a single photo that is particularly meaningful and that you explain in writing. Consider the following questions:

1. What is a policy that had impact on your life as a student or educator?
2. Did you see it as a “good” or “bad” policy?
3. Why did this policy exist? (e.g., was in reaction to a tragedy? If you don’t know, feel free to speculate)
4. Who was involved in creating the policy?
5. Who benefitted from the policy? Who did not?
6. What assumptions were made in the policy?
7. How did you come to learn about the policy? (e.g., family, friends, media)
8. What alternative policies could have been introduced?
9. How do your subject positions or social locations influence how the policy affected you and your thoughts about it?

Option B: Show how your professional practice is framed by various, often conflicting, policies.

Option C: Think about a policy you would like to do research on. How is it connected to your policy autobiography? How might you use your policy autobiography to frame your policy study? How do you maintain a dialogue with people who have a similar policy autobiography, but a different viewpoint on the problem and the solution?

Suggestion #5:
Negotiate an alternative assignment

Suggested Weights for Various Assignments
(Some Abbreviated Examples of Learning Contracts)

Please note: include proposed due date/s for all but the policy comparison (website) assignment in your learning contract.

Option 1:

- 20% Policy comparison (website) assignment
- 40% Application essay (Suggestion #1)
- 40% Analysis essay (Suggestion #3)

Option 2:

- 20% Policy comparison (website) assignment
- 80% Research paper (Suggestion #2)

Option 3:

- 20% Policy comparison (website) assignment
- 40% Analysis essay (Suggestion #3, Option C)
- 40% Education policy autobiography (Suggestion #4, Option A)

Option 4:

Negotiable

Participation

Everyone should come to class prepared to discuss the assigned readings. Class members will learn as much from the exchange of views inside the classroom as we will from analyzing the readings on our own. To enrich class discussion, students will be responsible for one **Synthesis-Response-Question (SRQ) piece**. The SRQ should be written as a narrative rather than a bulleted summary. Be sure to: (1) synthesize the reading in approximately one paragraph; (2) provide your response to the reading in one-half page (e.g., add a new idea or example, discuss a point you agree or disagree with and why, take up an idea that relates to your experience, discuss the implications for teaching, etc.); (3) pose critical questions about the reading that will enhance our understanding of course themes. Strong SRQs will illuminate the arguments being made by the author/s by drawing connections to previous class readings. The SRQ should fit on one page of paper (**font size 12; maximum 500 words**). Please email your SRQ to me no later than the Sunday before the Tuesday that your reading is to be discussed in class. Normally, I will expect you to help to get going a small-group or class discussion based on your SRQ. Name your SRQ as: **SRQ_Author last name.Your Name.doc** (e.g., SRQ_Levinson.Deirdre Kelly.doc).

During the last week of the course, students will also briefly (maximum 10 minutes) present to the class an assignment for feedback and revision before turning in final drafts.

Course Readings

The readings are available free of charge as e-journal articles or e-book chapters through UBC library. I have embedded direct links in the course outline to most electronic items. Some book chapters will only be available through the Library Course Reserve section of the course shell in Connect; available at: <http://elearning.ubc.ca/connect/>
Note: for the doi links to work, you will need to be logged in to UBC library via your CWL.

Detailed Schedule of Topics, Readings, & Activities

September 2:

Introduction. Metaphors of policy

Optional:

Weaver-Hightower, Marcus. (2008). An ecology metaphor for educational policy analysis: A call to complexity. *Educational Researcher*, 37(3), 153-167. doi: 10.3102/0013189X08318050 Available: <http://ezproxy.library.ubc.ca/login?url=http://edr.sagepub.com/content/37/3/153.full.pdf+html>

September 9: What is policy? Who makes policy?

Different approaches to understanding and researching policy

Levinson, Bradley A. U., Sutton, Margaret, & Winstead, Teresa. (2009). Education policy as a practice of power: Theoretical tools, ethnographic methods, democratic options. *Educational Policy*, 23(6), 767-795. doi: 10.1177/0895904808320676 Available: <http://epx.sagepub.com.ezproxy.library.ubc.ca/content/23/6/767.full.pdf+html>

Ahenakew, Cash. (2011). The birth of the "Windigo": The construction of Aboriginal health in biomedical and traditional Indigenous models of medicine. *Critical Literacy: Theories and Practices*, 5(1), 14-26. Available: <http://criticalliteracy.freehostia.com/index.php?journal=criticalliteracy&page=article&op=viewFile&path%5B%5D=78&path%5B%5D=56>

Lingard, Bob. (2009). Researching education policy in a globalized world: Theoretical and methodological considerations. *Yearbook of the National Society for the Study of Education*, 108(2), 226-246. doi: 10.1111/j.1744-7984.2009.01170.x Available: <http://ezproxy.library.ubc.ca/login?url=http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1744-7984.2009.01170.x/pdf>

Optional further readings:

Anyon, Jean. (2005). What "counts" as educational policy? Notes toward a new paradigm. *Harvard Educational Review*, 75(1), 65-88. Available: <http://ezproxy.library.ubc.ca/login?url=http://her.hepg.org/content/g1q5k721220ku176/fulltext.pdf>

Koyama, Jill P., & Varenne, Hervé. (2012). Assembling and dissembling: Policy as productive play. *Educational Researcher*, 41(5), 157-162. doi: 10.3102/0013189X12442799. Available: <http://edr.sagepub.com.ezproxy.library.ubc.ca/content/41/5/157.full.pdf+html>

Taylor, Sandra. (1997). Critical policy analysis: Exploring contexts, texts and consequences. *Discourse: Studies in the Cultural Politics of Education*, 18(1), 23-35. Available: <http://ezproxy.library.ubc.ca/login?url=http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/0159630970180102>

September 16: **The construction of public problems.
Discourse analysis as a tool for social policy analysis**

Edelman, Murray. (1988). The construction and uses of social problems. In *Constructing the political spectacle* (pp. 12-36). Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Excerpts from:

Gee, James P. (2010). *How to do discourse analysis: A toolkit*. New York: Routledge.

“The topics and themes tool” (pp. 65-68)

“The politics building tool” (pp. 118-125)

“Sign systems and knowledge building tool” (pp. 135-142)

Available:

<http://www.ubc.ebib.com.ezproxy.library.ubc.ca/patron/FullRecord.aspx?p=1600495>

Janks, Hilary. (2005). Deconstruction and reconstruction: Diversity as a productive resource. *Discourse: Studies in the Cultural Politics of Education*, 26(1), 31-43.

Available:

<http://ezproxy.library.ubc.ca/login?url=http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/01596300500040078>

Optional Further Readings:

Van Zoost, Steven. (2011). Changes and possibilities: A case study of Nova Scotia classroom assessment policies. *Journal of Education Policy*, 26(1), 83-94. doi: 10.1080/02680939.2010.498899 Available:

<http://ezproxy.library.ubc.ca/login?url=http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/02680939.2010.498899>

Gillies, Donald. (2008). Quality and equality: The mask of discursive conflation in education policy texts. *Journal of Education Policy*, 23(6), 685-699. Available:

<http://ezproxy.library.ubc.ca/login?url=http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/02680930802248063>

September 23: **Governance frameworks. Policy settlements. Neoliberalism.**

Robertson, Susan L., & Dale, Roger. (2013). The social justice implications of privatisation in education governance frameworks: A relational account. *Oxford Review of Education*, 39(4), 426-445. doi: 10.1080/03054985.2013.820465

Available:

<http://ezproxy.library.ubc.ca/login?url=http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/03054985.2013.820465>

Larner, Wendy. (2000) Neoliberalism: Policy, ideology, governmentality. *Studies in Political Economy*, 63, 5-25. Available:
<http://spe.library.utoronto.ca/index.php/spe/article/view/6724>

Connell, Raewyn. (2009). Good teachers on dangerous ground: Towards a new view of teacher quality and professionalism. *Critical Studies in Education*, 50(3), 213-229. doi: 10.1080/17508480902998421 Available:
<http://ezproxy.library.ubc.ca/login?url=http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/17508480902998421>

Optional further readings:

Brown, Wendy. (2003). Neo-liberalism and the end of liberal democracy. *Theory and Event*, 7(1). Available:
http://ezproxy.library.ubc.ca/login?url=http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/theory_and_event/v007/7.1brown.html

Hall, Stuart, & Massey, Doreen. (2012). Interpreting the crisis. In J. Rutherford & S. Davison (Eds.), *The neoliberal crisis* (pp. 55-69). London: Soundings/Lawrence & Wishart. Available:
http://www.lwbooks.co.uk/ebooks/The_Neoliberal_crisis.pdf

September 30:

Democracy, culture, and the politics of difference

Fraser, Nancy. (1990). Rethinking the public sphere: A contribution to the critique of actually existing democracy. *Social Text* (25/26), 56-80. Available:
<http://ezproxy.library.ubc.ca/login?url=http://www.jstor.org/stable/pdfplus/466240.pdf>

Benhabib, Seyla. (2008). "L'affaire du foulard" (the scarf affair). In D. Coulter & J. R. Wiens (Eds.), *Why do we educate? Renewing the conversation* (Vol. 1, pp. 100-111). Boston: Blackwell for the National Society for the Study of Education. Available:
<http://ezproxy.library.ubc.ca/login?url=http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1744-7984.2008.00134.x/pdf>

Robertson, Heather-Jane. (2007, May). Bend it like Azzy. *Phi Delta Kappan*, 88, 716-717. Available:
<http://www.jstor.org.ezproxy.library.ubc.ca/stable/pdfplus/20442368.pdf>

Optional further readings:

Kelly, Deirdre M. (2003). Practicing democracy in the margins of school: The Teen-Age Parents Program as feminist counterpublic. *American Educational Research Journal*, 40(1), 123-146. doi: 10.3102/00028312040001123 Available:
<http://ezproxy.library.ubc.ca/login?url=http://aer.sagepub.com/content/40/1/123.full.pdf+html>

Kelly, Deirdre M. (2011). The public policy pedagogy of corporate and alternative news media. *Studies in Philosophy and Education*, 30(2), 185-198. doi: 10.1007/s11217-011-9222-2 Available: <http://link.springer.com.ezproxy.library.ubc.ca/content/pdf/10.1007%2Fs11217-011-9222-2.pdf>

October 7: **Dimensions of social justice in education:
Participation, recognition, redistribution**

Gewirtz, Sharon. (2006). Toward a contextualised analysis of social justice in education. *Educational Philosophy and Theory*, 38(1), 69-81. doi: 10.1111/j.1469-5812.2006.00175.x Available: <http://ezproxy.library.ubc.ca/login?url=http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1469-5812.2006.00175.x/pdf>

Abu El-Haj, Thea R. (2006). Race, politics, and Arab American youth: Shifting frameworks for conceptualizing educational equity. *Educational Policy*, 20(1), 13-34. Available: <http://ezproxy.library.ubc.ca/login?url=http://epx.sagepub.com/content/20/1/13.full.pdf+html>

Young, Iris Marion. (1990). Five faces of oppression. In *Justice and the politics of difference* (pp. 39-65). Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Optional further reading:

Kelly, Deirdre. (2012). Teaching for social justice: Translating an anti-oppression approach into practice. *Our Schools/Our Selves*, 21(2), 135-154. Available: <http://ezproxy.library.ubc.ca/login?url=http://search.proquest.com/docview/1035333918/fulltextPDF?accountid=14656>

October 14: **Aboriginal education policy**

Sandiford, Mark. (Writer). (2006). Qallunaat! Why white people are funny. In Beachwalker Films (Producer). Canada: National Film Board of Canada. <Note: film excerpts to be shown in class>

Alfred, Taiaiake. (2010). Foreword. In P. Regan, *Unsettling the settler within* (pp. ix-xi). Vancouver: UBC Press.

Regan, Paulette. (2010). Introduction. In *Unsettling the settler within: Indian residential schools, truth telling, and reconciliation in Canada* (pp. 1-18). Vancouver: UBC Press. Available: <http://resolve.library.ubc.ca/cgi-bin/catsearch?bid=4344076>

St. Denis, Verna. (2011). Silencing Aboriginal curricular content and perspectives through multiculturalism: "There are other children here". *Review of Education, Pedagogy, and Cultural Studies*, 33(4), 306-317. Available: <http://ezproxy.library.ubc.ca/login?url=http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/10714413.2011.597638>

Tuck, Eve. (2009). Suspending damage: A letter to communities. *Harvard Educational Review*, 79(3), 409-427. Available: <http://ezproxy.library.ubc.ca/login?url=http://www.metapress.com/content/n0016675661t3n15/fulltext.pdf>

October 21: Gender equality policy in education

Stromquist, Nelly P., & Fischman, Gustavo E. (2009). Introduction – from denouncing gender inequities to undoing gender in education: Practices and programmes toward change in the social relations of gender. *International Review of Education*, 55(5), 463-482. doi: 10.1007/s11159-009-9146-z Available: <http://ezproxy.library.ubc.ca/login?url=http://www.jstor.org/stable/40608073>

Connell, Raewyn. (2010). Kartini's children: On the need for thinking gender and education together on a world scale. *Gender and Education*, 22(6), 603-615. Available: <http://ezproxy.library.ubc.ca/login?url=http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/09540253.2010.519577>

Coulter, Rebecca P. (2007). Gender equality policies in Canadian schooling. In B. J. Bank (Ed.), *Gender and education: An encyclopedia* (Vol. 2, pp. 747-754). Westport, CT: Praeger.

October 28: Policy alternatives: “Prefigurative practice,” “real utopias”

Fielding, Michael. (2007). On the necessity of radical state education: Democracy and the common school. *Journal of Philosophy of Education*, 41(4), 539-557. doi: 10.1111/j.1467-9752.2007.00593.x. Available: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com.ezproxy.library.ubc.ca/doi/10.1111/j.1467-9752.2007.00593.x/pdf>

Gandin, Luis Armando, & Apple, Michael W. (2012). Can critical democracy last? Porto Alegre and the struggle over “thick” democracy in education. *Journal of Education Policy*, 27(5), 621-639. doi: 10.1080/02680939.2012.710017. Available: <http://dx.doi.org.ezproxy.library.ubc.ca/10.1080/02680939.2012.710017>

Hantzopoulos, Maria. (2007). Deepening democracy: How one school's fairness committee offers an alternative to "discipline". *Our Schools, Our Selves*, 16(3), 93-98. Available:
<http://search.proquest.com.ezproxy.library.ubc.ca/docview/204861397>

Optional further reading:

Kelly, Deirdre M. (in press). Alternative learning contexts and the goals of democracy in education. In Jennifer Vadeboncoeur (Ed.), *Engaging children and youth: Learning in and across contexts* (Vol. NSSE Yearbook Series). New York: Teachers College Press.

November 4: Framing and counter-framing

Prentice, Susan. (2009). High stakes: The "investable" child and the economic reframing of childcare. *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society*, 34(3), 687-710. Available:
<http://ezproxy.library.ubc.ca/login?url=http://www.jstor.org/stable/pdfplus/10.1086/593711.pdf?acceptTC=true>

Jiwani, Yasmin. (2011). Pedagogies of hope: Counter narratives and anti-disciplinary tactics. *Review of Education, Pedagogy, and Cultural Studies*, 33(4), 333-353. doi: 10.1080/10714413.2011.597646. Available:
<http://dx.doi.org.ezproxy.library.ubc.ca/10.1080/10714413.2011.597646>

Facer, Keri. (2012). After the moral panic? Reframing the debate about child safety online. *Discourse*, 33 (3), 397-413. doi: 10.1080/01596306.2012.681899. Available:
<http://dx.doi.org.ezproxy.library.ubc.ca/10.1080/01596306.2012.681899>

Optional further reading:

Mian, Clare. (2014). Bullying and cyberbullying: The silence has been broken . . . but is it just noise? *Our Schools/ Our Selves*, 23(4), 49-63.

November 11: Remembrance Day

University Closed

November 18: Policy activism: Who, what, where, how?

Everyone reads:

Yeatman, Anna. (1998). Introduction. In A. Yeatman (Ed.), *Activism and the policy process* (pp. 1-15). St. Leonards, NSW Australia: Allen & Unwin.

Young, Iris M. (2001). Activist challenges to deliberative democracy. *Political theory*, 29(5), 670-690. doi: 10.1177/0090591701029005004. Available:

<http://ezproxy.library.ubc.ca/login?url=http://www.jstor.org.ezproxy.library.ubc.ca/stable/3072534>

Also, read one of the following for a jigsaw activity (to be assigned in class):

Fine, Michelle, Ayala, Jennifer, & Zaal, Mayida. (2012). Public science and participatory policy development: Reclaiming policy as a democratic project. *Journal of Education Policy*, 27(5), 685-692. doi: 10.1080/02680939.2012.710023.

Available:

<http://dx.doi.org.ezproxy.library.ubc.ca/10.1080/02680939.2012.710023>

Rezai-Rashti, Goli, & McCarthy, Cameron. (2008). Race, text, and the politics of official knowledge: A critical investigation of a social science textbook in Ontario.

Discourse: Studies in the Cultural Politics of Education, 29(4), 527-540. Available:

<http://ezproxy.library.ubc.ca/login?url=http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/01596300802410243>

Smith, Miriam. (2004). Questioning heteronormativity: Lesbian and gay challenges to education practice in British Columbia, Canada. *Social Movement Studies*, 3(2), 131-145. Available:

<http://ezproxy.library.ubc.ca/login?url=http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/1474283042000266092>

Stewart, Christine. (2008). Taking action on Aboriginal issues within the British Columbia Teachers' Federation. *Our Schools / Our Selves*, 18 (1), pp. 19-28.

Available:

<http://ezproxy.library.ubc.ca/login?url=http://search.proquest.com/docview/204862640?accountid=14656>

Templeton, Robin, & Dohrn, Bernardine. (2010). Activist interventions: Community organizing against "zero tolerance" policies. In J. A. Sandlin, B. D. Schultz & J. Burdick (Eds.), *Handbook of public pedagogy: Education and learning beyond schooling* (pp. 420-433). New York: Routledge. Available:

<http://www.ubc.ebib.com.ezproxy.library.ubc.ca/patron/FullRecord.aspx?p=465312>

Optional further reading:

Rivière, Dominique. (2008). Re-imagining policy: Some critical steps towards educational equity. *Our Schools/Our Selves*, 17(2), 83-97. Available:

<http://ezproxy.library.ubc.ca/login?url=http://search.proquest.com.ezproxy.library.ubc.ca/docview/204865156?accountid=14656>

November 25: Student presentations

Details on format to be discussed in class.

Suggested [Online Resources](#) for Policy Comparison Assignment

Please note: Websites are usually updated often; links therefore change and sites are sometimes reorganized. So take the following merely as possible starting points.

Indigenous Peoples and Policy

Assembly of First Nations

<http://www.afn.ca/>

United Nations Indigenous Social and Policy development

<http://www.un.org/esa/policy/>

Canadian Institute of Health Research: Aboriginal Ethics Policy Development

<http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/29339.html>

NGO Affiliated Policy Studies Centres

<http://www.centerwomenpolicy.org/>

Networks: <http://www.disabilitypolicycenter.org/index.htm>

Higher Education

BC Ministry of Advanced Education

<http://www.gov.bc.ca/aved/>

Centre for Policy Studies in Higher Education and Training (CHET)

<http://www.chet.educ.ubc.ca/>

Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC), policy issues

<http://www.aucc.ca>

Association of Canadian Community Colleges

<http://www.accc.ca/>

Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT)

<http://www.caut.ca/>

UNESCO Higher Education

<http://www.unesco.org/en/higher-education>

OECD Higher Education and Adult Learning

http://www.oecd.org/topic/0,3373,en_2649_39263238_1_1_1_1_37455,00.html

World Bank Tertiary Education

<http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/TOPICS/EXTEDUCATION/0,,contentMDK:20298183~menuPK:617592~pagePK:148956~piPK:216618~theSitePK:282386,00.html>

K-12 Education [ongoing issues: school choice; professional standards; accountability; diversity or inclusion]

British Columbia Ministry of Education
<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/policy/policies/>

BCTF
<http://www.bctf.ca/IssuesInEducation.aspx>

CCPA = Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives [Education Project; reports]
<http://www.policyalternatives.ca/>

Fraser Institute
<http://www.fraserinstitute.org/>

BC Ministry of Education, Teacher Regulation Branch
www.bcteacherregulation.ca
[links to “standards”, “teacher education”, “professional conduct”]

BCPAC = British Columbia Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils
<http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/resources>

Teacher Qualification Service
[main site with links to full policy documents and press releases]
<http://www.tqs.bc.ca/index.html>

BCSTA = BC School Trustees Association
<http://www.bcsta.org>

Inclusion BC (formerly BCACL = BC Association for Community Living)
<http://www.inclusionbc.org/>

First Nations Education Steering Committee
<http://www.fnesc.ca/>

BC Ministry of Education list of Education Advisory Council Member and Other websites:
<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/relatedsites.htm#eac>

Pertinent UBC, EDST & Course Policies

EDST Graduate Course Grading Policy

Marking Standards. (http://www.edst.educ.ubc.ca/policies_forms/grading.html)

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| A+ (90-100%) | Reserved for exceptional work that greatly exceeds course expectations. In addition, achievement must satisfy all the conditions below. |
| A (85-89%) | A mark of this order suggests a very high level of performance on all criteria used for evaluation. Contributions deserving an A are distinguished in virtually every aspect. They show that the individual significantly shows initiative, creativity, insight, and probing analysis where appropriate. Further, the achievement must show careful attention to course requirements as established by the instructor. |
| A- (80-84%) | An A is awarded for generally high quality of performance, no problems of any significance, and fulfillment of all course requirements. However, the achievement does not demonstrate the level of quality that is clearly distinguished relative to that of peers in class and in related courses. |
| B (68-79%) | This category of achievement is typified by adequate but unexceptional performance when the criteria of assessment are considered. It is distinguished from A level work by problems such as: one or more significant errors in understanding, superficial representation or analysis of key concepts, absence of any special initiatives, or lack of coherent organization or explication of ideas. |
| C (60-67%) | C level work is that which exhibits several of the problems mentioned in the description of B grades. The Faculty of Graduate Studies considers 60% as a minimum passing grade for graduate students. |

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The integrity of academic work depends on the honesty of all those who work in this environment and the observance of accepted conventions, such as acknowledging the work of others. Please make sure that you acknowledge and cite the oral and written work of others in all your assignments. Not citing sources is considered plagiarism. You should be aware of the sections of the University Calendar that address policies and regulations related to academic honesty and standards -- <http://students.ubc.ca/calendar/> -- and plagiarism -- <http://vpacademic.ubc.ca/academic-integrity/>. The UBC library also has a useful web-based Plagiarism Resource Centre that explains what plagiarism is and how to avoid it; see www.library.ubc.ca/home/plagiarism/. If you have questions or concerns about any of these policies or conventions in relation to how they apply to the work you do in this course, please discuss them with me.

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missed due to participation in a religious observance. It is the student's responsibility to inform the instructor of any intended absences for religious observances in advance.

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