



Notes on Contributors

Colin Campbell, is a freshman in Biology at SUNY Oneonta. He was enrolled in Socl. 100-01, "Introduction to Sociology," during the Spring 2003 semester. **Abstract:** "This paper is about shyness and the effect it has on people and society as a whole. I explore several facets of shyness including its causes, effects, and possible "cures" to help people overcome their fear of social interaction. I utilize several examples from outside sources such as films and books watched and read either in or outside class. I relate this to my life, as I was (and am) afflicted with deep shyness stemming from childhood events."

Charles (pen name), is an undergraduate student at SUNY Oneonta. He was enrolled in Soc. 100-02, "Introduction in Sociology," during the Spring 2003 semester.

Jennifer S. Dutcher, is a senior majoring in Sociology at SUNY Oneonta. She enrolled in Socl. 313, "Perspectives and Theories in Sociology," during the Spring 2003 semester. **Abstract:** "The struggle to balance family and career is a difficult one. A delay in college education makes simultaneously achieving success in family, employment, and part-time study especially challenging. Ideas of what women's roles are and how they should be carried out are formed by observation of one's own parents and other significant individuals. Because society is a complex web of relations, each cohort has the power to affect the society of its successors. Through the media, society has established an unattainable idea of what a working mother should be, and the bar has been set high. Mothers' employment outside the home must deal with the bifurcation of consciousness, because many household duties will continue to fall upon women's shoulders, as does the difficult task of securing quality childcare. Americans have been consumed by "affluenza," and the resultant drive to fill their lives with material goods has left them spending more and enjoying less. Women have grown to want more than a job—they are instead pursuing careers that provide self-satisfaction as well as a paycheck. As women realize their strengths, it will not be enough to adequately fill their roles; rather they will strive to succeed in every aspect of their lives. "

M. Goltry, is a senior majoring in Psychology and minoring in Sociology at SUNY-Oneonta. She was enrolled in Socl. 313, "Perspectives and Theories in Sociology," during the Spring 2003 semester. **Abstract:** "Throughout everyone's life, there is a constant struggle to find oneself. My search for true self-identity began in middle school, when I went through some physical changes, such as weight gain. When the other children in school picked on me, I attempted to change myself in order to fit with their expectations. The sociological perspectives of symbolic interaction, theories of rational choice, exchange theory, and others shed light on my situation on a micro level. On the macro level, the sociology of the body and functionalism came into play. Throughout my struggle both the forces acting upon me from a personal standpoint and outside cultural forces taught me an important lesson concerning the significance of inner beauty. Although I am still striving to find myself, my middle school experience gave me great insight, and brought me closer to my goal of self-discovery."

James McHugh, is a freshman at SUNY Oneonta majoring in Political Science. He enrolled in Socl. 100-02, "Introduction to Sociology," during the Spring 2003 semester. **Abstract:** "In my paper I draw parallels to how society has shaped my life, how every other member has been shaped, how the universal norm doesn't apply to the individual, and how it can be overcome."

Emily Margulies, is a junior in Sociology at SUNY Oneonta minoring in Criminal Justice. She enrolled in Socl. 313, "Perspectives and Theories in Sociology," during the Spring 2003 semester.

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Megan Murray, is a senior at SUNY Oneonta majoring in Elementary Education. She was enrolled in Soc. 100-01 during the Spring 2003 semester. **Abstract:** "This paper describes the events that can cause anxiety in young adults and college age students. It discusses the process through which I came to realize I was suffering from Generalized Anxiety Disorder. This diagnosis has changed my outlook on life. Through a journey of self-exploration using micro and macro perspectives in sociology I realized that many factors could influence a person's life, including mine."

Ira Omid (pen name), was a senior in Sociology at SUNY Oneonta during the Spring 2003 semester. **Abstract:** "For the exercise in the sociology of self-knowledge, one must liberate the sociological imagination. I explore the role of domestic violence in the past, present and future of a family's life. Despite conscious efforts to the contrary, some mistakes have been repeated. The following is one person's view, within a multiple micro/macro theoretical perspective, of the impact her dysfunctional family life has had on her life."

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Jillian E. Sloan, is a junior majoring in Psychology and Child & Family Studies at SUNY Oneonta. She enrolled in Socl. 100-02, "Introduction to Sociology," during the Spring 2003 semester. **Abstract:** "In this paper I explore issues concerning religion, materialism, individualism, and more. These topics are explored from both a micro and macro perspective. My main question is: Is it possible in an individualistic nation to raise a child without religion to become a self-sufficient, moral member of society? This question leads to many other ideas and debates. How do relationships affect one's identity? How important is the role of a family in early childhood experience? Is religion the best way to measure moral character?"

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Sherry Wilson, is a junior majoring in Business Economics at SUNY Oneonta. She was enrolled in Soc. 100-02, "Introduction to Sociology," during the Spring 2003 semester. **Abstract:** "My entire life I have been confronted with the challenge of being shy. As a result of being shy, I find that I only talk to the people that I already know and I have trouble forming new relationships. When I am in a situation to form a new relationship, I will conform to the views of the other person to avoid having to defend myself. I understand the ways in which to overcome my fears; however my battle is an ongoing one that simply takes time."