THE UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

Sociology 715.2Q

QUALITATIVE METHODS: DISCOURSE ANALYSIS FALL 2011

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This course is an introduction to discourse analysis is some of its many varieties. As it is a methods course, emphasis is placed on examples of discourse analysis, but some understanding of theory is essential. Good examples also offer the best way to understand how to do discourse analysis. Among the varieties of discourse analysis covered are the discursive action model, critical discursive psychology, and critical discourse analysis.

In addition to weekly participation, you will write a paper, due **Friday, November 25, 2011**. You will analyse a data set of your choosing, adopting a version of discourse analysis of your choosing. The data set and analytic approach adopted must be approved by me. The paper will include your analysis, a description of how you carried out the analysis, and your reflections on the analysis (e.g., What did you find challenging? What surprised you about doing discourse analysis?).

Week 1 (Sept 16) Potter, J., & Wetherell, M. (1987). Discourse and social psychology: Beyond attitudes and behaviour. London: Sage.

Week 2 (Sept 23) Taylor, S. (2001). Locating and conducting discourse analytic research. In M. Wetherell, S. Taylor, & S. Yates (Eds.), *Discourse as data: A guide for* analysis (pp. 5-48). Milton Keynes, UK: Open University Press.

Horton-Salway, M. (2001). The construction of M.E.: The discursive action model. In M. Wetherell, S. Taylor, & S. Yates (Eds.), *Discourse as data: A guide for* analysis (pp. 147-188). Milton Keynes, UK: Open University Press.

Week 3 (Sept 30) Edley, N. (2001). Analysing masculinity: Interpretative repertoires, ideological dilemmas and subject positions. In M. Wetherell, S. Taylor, & S. Yates

- (Eds.), Discourse as data: A guide for analysis (pp. 189-228). Milton Keynes, UK: Open University Press.
- Fairclough, N. (2001). The discourse of new labour: Critical discourse analysis. In M. Wetherell, S. Taylor, & S. Yates (Eds.), Discourse as data: A guide for analysis (pp. 229-266). Milton Keynes, UK: Open University Press.
- Week 4 (Oct 14) Carabine, J. (2001). Unmarried motherhood 1830-1990: A genealogical analysis. In M. Wetherell, S. Taylor, & S. Yates (Eds.), Discourse as data: A guide for analysis (pp. 267-310). Milton Keynes, UK: Open University Press.
 - Taylor, S. (2001). Evaluating and applying discourse analytic research. In M. Wetherell, S. Taylor, & S. Yates (Eds.), Discourse as data: A guide for analysis (pp. 318-330). Milton Keynes, UK: Open University Press.
- Wetherell, M. (2001). Positioning and interpretative repertoires: Conservation Week 5 (Oct 21) analysis and post-structuralism in dialogue. Discourse & Society, 1998, 9(3), 347-412.
 - Billig, M. Preface (pp. 1-29). *Ideology and opinions: Studies in rhetorical* psychology. London: Sage.
- Seymour-Smith, S., & Wetherell, M. (2006). 'What he hasn't told you . . . ': Week 6 (Oct 28) Investigating the micro-politics of gendered support in heterosexual couples' co-constructed accounts of illness. Feminism & Psychology, *16(1)*, 105-127.
 - Antaki, C., Billig, M., Edwards, D., & Potter, J. (2003). Discourse analysis means doing analysis: A critique of six analytic shortcomings'. *Discourse* Analysis Online, 1. Available from: http://www.shu.ac.uk/daol/articles/v1/n1/a1/antaki2002002-paper.html.